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Toronto Maple Leafs centre Mikhail Grabovski lies on the ice after being decked by Boston Bruins defenceman Johnny Boychuk on Wednesday in Boston while Leafs and Bruins grapple behind them during the third period of Game 1 of their playoff series, in Boston. The Leafs lost 4-1. More playoff coverage, pages 6 and 54. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Realtor under fire for family values flyer

Promoted nuclear family. Agent says he meant no offence with pamphlet that criticized homosexual parents

A Mississauga real-estate agent was investigated by police for distributing a brochure that promotes nuclear families and criticizes homosexuality.

Andrew Ciastek of RE/MAX distributed the flyers — which said "traditional family is the best for the future of the kids" — to hundreds of homes in the Port Credit and Lorne Park neighbourhoods.

"I didn't want to offend anybody," Ciastek said. "I didn't have bad intentions."

But the brochures infuriated several residents.

Jon McDonald, a retired teacher who lives in Lorne Park, said he was furious when the flyer fell out of his newspaper on Tuesday. "My blood pressure went up 100 per cent. I read it and thought, 'What does this have to do with selling houses?'"

McDonald and other residents complained to RE/MAX, the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Peel police diversity unit.

The research cited in Ciastek's flyer was conducted by Mark Regnerus, a Texas sociologist who said children of homosexual parents are more likely to be unemployed.

Const. George Tudos of the Peel Regional Police said the criminal investigation bureau looked into the incident and spoke to Ciastek about the impact of the literature. No charges will be laid, he said.

Christine Martysiewicz, director of internal and public relations for RE/MAX Ontario-Atlantic Canada, said "the views and opinions expressed in this piece do not reflect those of RE/MAX Ontario-Atlantic Canada or our agents."

She said Ciastek will issue a public apology and make a donation to a local charity of the company's choosing.

Ciastek also said he will apologize "because I understand some people were very hurt. It is the right thing to apologize."

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Escaped inspection

- The flyer was not vetted by the broker-owner of the RE/MAX Mississauga office, "but it should have been," spokesperson Christine Martysiewicz said. It also escaped inspection by the main office.

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Leafs fans lose reason to celebrate as Leafs lose lustre in series opener

Maple Leaf fans cheer for the Leafs' first goal as they watch it come up on the big screen in Maple Leaf Square during game one of the Leafs-Bruins series outside the Air Canada Centre Wednesday. The euphoria was short-lived as the Bruins came back to win 4-1. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pedestrians vs. patios

Complaint-driven. When street furniture must compete with restaurants for public space, where are walkers supposed to go?

Robins and packed outdoor restaurant patios: In Toronto those are the two sure signs of spring.

But with the patios come the inevitable clashes. Last year, the City of Toronto recorded 270 complaints related to outdoor patios, some dealing with noise. And then there's the loss of precious sidewalk space, squeezing out pedestrians, moms with strollers, seniors on mobility scooters or parents with children in tow.

Teresa Pavlin, a mother of two who lives in the Junction, finds "restaurant owners don't always use the best judgment when it comes to patio accoutrements. Getting a stroller down a street crowded with pedestrians as well as other 'furniture' such as planters and sandwich boards can be difficult," she said.

Coun. Mary Fragedakis (Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth) says residents used to complain about trying to navigate the Danforth with its numerous restaurant patios. But those days are gone with the removal last fall of bulky concrete planters on sidewalks from Broadview to Donlands.

Many had been located "at the pinch points," or in front of existing patios, said Fragedakis.

"People are praising it to the heavens — they're saying it seems wider now. It's better for pedestrians, for people pushing strollers, elderly people on mobility scooters."

The specifics of what's allowed in outdoor patios varies according to what was in place before the municipalities amalgamated. In what was the old city of Toronto, a patio's boundary line must be 2.1 metres from the curb or "nearest installation," such as a street lamp. "What we're looking for is seven feet of clear passageway for pedestrians," says Kimberley Kilburn, a supervisor with the city's municipal licensing and standards division.

Patio of the Kalendar Restaurant and Bistro on College Street. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Enforcement is generally complaint-driven but proactive blitzes will be conducted over the season. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The Township of Georgian Bay is considering a plan to shut down a small-town arena and community centre and turn it into a medical marijuana factory. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ice rink may turn into pot factory

Town of MacTier. A news release from the local mayor's office says the project would create 12 to 30 jobs in a town of about 1,000 people

It came out of nowhere and sounded like a belated April Fool's joke.

Late last week in the Muskoka town of MacTier, word began spreading that councillors had quietly voted to consider a plan to shut down the local arena and allow a private company to take it over.

The proposed new business: a medical marijuana factory.

The MacTier Community Centre sits in the centre of town, directly across the street from an elementary school.

Councillors for the Township of Georgian Bay voted last week in a closed-door meeting to sign a letter of intent with Mettrum Ltd. — the Ontario-based company proposing to create the factory — and begin discussions about the proposed pot production and research plant.

The town and Mettrum are hosting a public meeting to discuss the project Saturday at the community centre.

"If there's an appetite for this to go (forward), then maybe we'll consider it. If there's a clear message that this is not the way to proceed, then that will be the clear message we'll take away," said local Coun. Louise Rivett.

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Newmarket

5 injured in Magna plant explosion

At least five people were taken to hospital after a small explosion at the Magna automotive plant in Newmarket, Ont., north of Toronto.

York Region fire crews were called to the scene around 10 a.m. Wednesday in the area around Mulock Drive and Bayview Avenue.

The explosion happened at the Dortec Industries plant, which is a division of Magna International Inc.

Magna says the incident took place on a manufacturing line and five employees were taken to hospital for "further evaluation." None of them were in life-threatening condition.

The plant's 200 employees were evacuated.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Searching. Man sought in alleged hate crime against woman in hijab

Police are searching for a man who allegedly assaulted a hijab-wearing woman during a hate-charged confrontation inside a Toronto plaza.

According to police, the woman was wearing a hijab when she entered the plaza near Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue East on April 22. A man brushed past the woman, allegedly spitting on her and uttering a hateful remark.

Police released security images of the man on Wednesday in hopes that the public could help identify him.

The man is described as white, five-foot-eight, with a thin build and straight, blond hair. He was wearing light clothing, blue jeans and white running shoes at the time.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477).

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Police released a photo of this man on Wednesday. He is wanted for allegedly assaulting a woman who was wearing a hijab.

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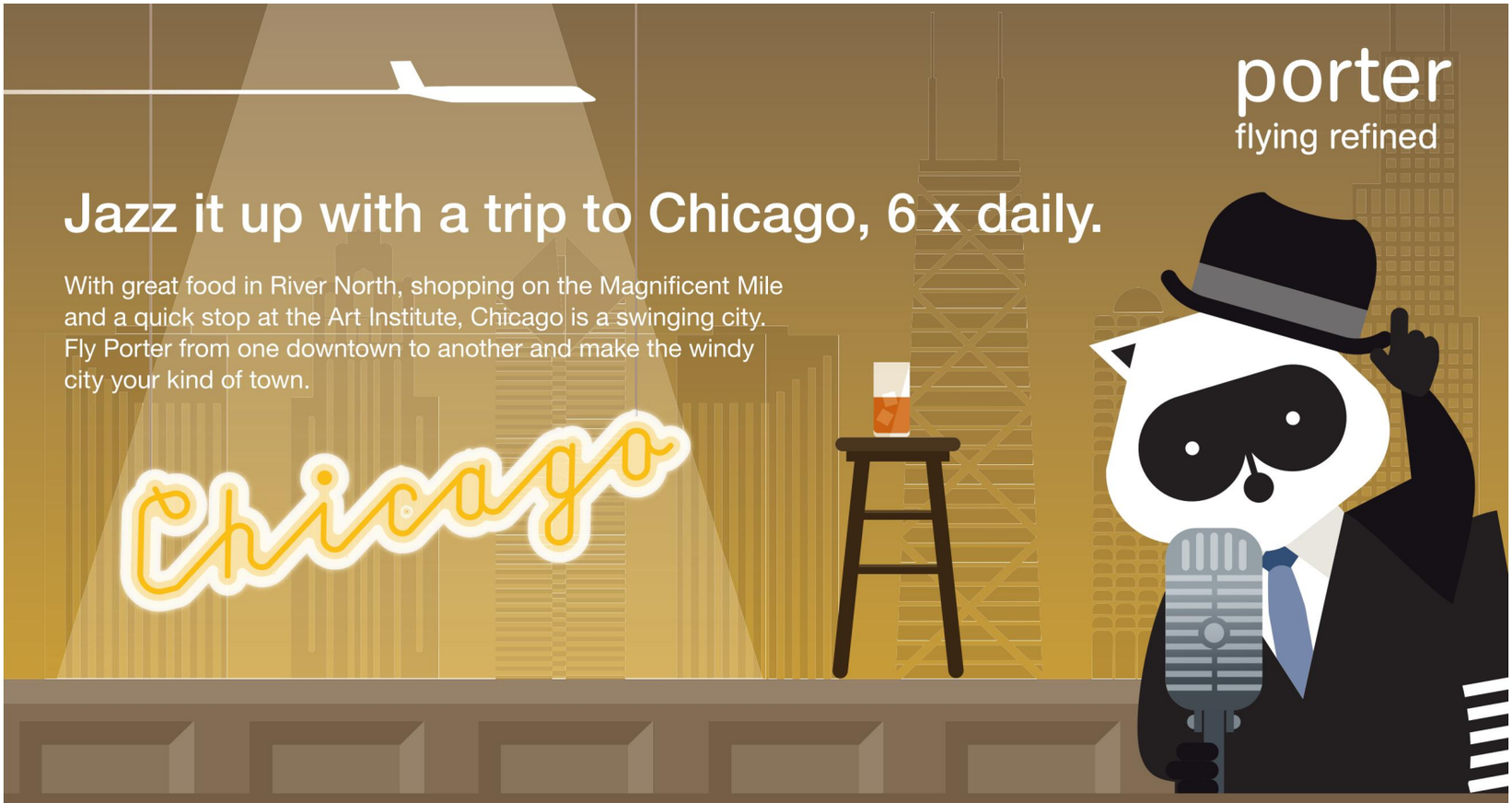

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ON THE WEB

Whether chirping each other on Twitter or dropping the gloves in the comments section, Leafs and Bruins fans are taking the age-old art of trash-talking online. Here's a small sampling of digital slapshots exchanged between Toronto tweeps and Beantown boosters ahead of Wednesday's opening playoff game.

LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

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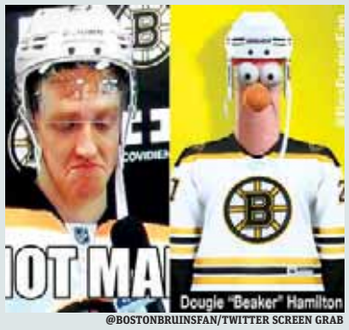

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HARD HITS

"I'll be saying #ThankYouKessel all day!"

@Spoked_B on Twitter echoes the taunts faced by Phil Kessel every time he steps on the ice at TD Garden.

"Um ... I don't care?"

Boston coach Claude Julien on what he expects from the Leafs.

"He may or may not have bitten Max Pacioretty, may or may not have gotten in a street fight at the Vancouver Olympics, and absolutely did murder this pineapple."

Hockey blog Stanley Cup of Chowder on Leafs forward Mikhail Grabovski, pictured on the site cutting a pineapple.

"I hate the Bruins . I hate them with a fiery passion. I hate the Bruins more than I hate Montreal."

A missive on a Toronto Maple Leafs fan's Facebook page.

"I hope someone beats the crap out of Marchand."

Twitter user John Letterio dishes on the Bruins' resident instigator.

BELEAF IT OR NOT: PAST BETS

2013: No bet

There won't be an NHL playoff bet between the mayors of Boston and Toronto.

Mayor Rob Ford had contacted the mayor of Boston, but in light of last month's marathon bombing the request was turned down.

"What happened down there is a lot more important than a hockey game," Ford said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

2004: We lose

The last time the Toronto Maple Leafs made the playoffs, it went poorly for then-Mayor David Miller.

After defeating Ottawa in the first round, Philadelphia eliminated Toronto in six games in Round 2.

Miller made good on the bet and wore a Flyers jersey to city hall — though he insisted on letting reporters know that he had a Leafs jersey on underneath. **METRO**

2002: Not the Sens' year, again

After the Leafs eliminated the Ottawa Senators from the playoffs the previous two years, Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman once again made a bet with Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli.

"I have sent two Leaf jerseys in two years to Ottawa. I can't wait to send the third," Lastman said.

Sure enough, the Leafs won the series and Chiarelli wore a Leafs jersey to a city council meeting in addition to flying the Leafs flag outside Ottawa City Hall. **METRO**

1993: Wild baseball bet

When it comes to sports betting, it's hard to top the one between the Toronto and Philadelphia zoos ahead of the 1993 World Series between the Blue Jays and Phillies.

The Philadelphia Zoo put up rare, yet-to-be-born white lion cubs against a pair of Tasmanian devils. Toronto won and our zoo received Tandi and her sisters the following summer.

As for the Tasmanian devils, they were to be a gift to Toronto from the Tasmanian government. When the Australian Wildlife Protection Authority learned they were part of a sports bet, they kept the animals at home. **METRO**

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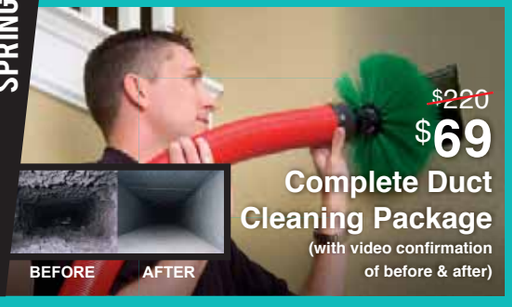

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Trading spaces. Bixi bikes could go underground to survive, says councillor

A Toronto councillor is proposing that less space for cars could help save the Bixi bike program.

Kristyn Wong-Tam has tabled a motion for next week's council meeting that would give developers an incentive to set up bike stations in their underground parking.

In return, developers would get to cut the number of parking spaces in their project, saving $50,000 to $70,000 for every space they don't have to build.

Wong-Tam said developers she's spoken to "are very warm to the idea.... It is very costly for them to build parking spaces."

The proposal may indeed be attractive to developers, many of whom say the city's parking space regulations sometimes work against the desires of future buyers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bixi or bust

Wong-Tam's motion could be the lifeline Bixi needs. The bike-share program faces grave financial problems.

- **City funds at risk.** Toronto has provided a loan guarantee to Bixi, meaning taxpayers are on the hook to pay a $3.9-million outstanding loan if the program defaults.

Alleged invoice racket

Charges dropped in York fraud case

The Crown has dropped fraud and money-laundering charges against two former York University executives because of poor credibility of witnesses who admitted their role in a phony invoice racket.

York indicated it will continue a civil lawsuit against Michael Markicevic and Phil Brown.

Police charged the pair almost a year ago, alleging a scheme where York was billed for over $1.2 million in goods and services it did not get. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Traffic accident

Officer charged with leaving scene

Another off-duty Durham Region police officer faces charges for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident.

A vehicle was travelling in the community of Courtice on March 16 when it struck a parked car and veered into a front porch. The driver fled the scene, police said in a statement.

Det. Pat Davidson, 48, of Clarington, has been charged with failing to remain at an accident scene, careless driving and failing to report the incident.

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Ford in trouble for threat to out opponents on air

Mayor Rob Ford hosts a weekly talk radio show on Newstalk 1010.
RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Transit tax. Complaint lodged after mayor vows to read out rivals' names week after week

A threat by Mayor Rob Ford to out proponents of new transit taxes every week on his radio show has generated another complaint to the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council.

Ford "can talk about potholes and pavement," says Viresh Fernando, a local lawyer who made the complaint. "But he's not allowed to use the public airways to go after political opponents."

Whether that's the case remains to be seen; it will be up to a three-member panel of the standards council.

On his radio show last Sunday, the mayor promised to read the names of city councillors, led by TTC chair Karen Stintz, who wanted to have a full debate on how to fund transit expansion. Ford said he would read the list "on every single show until the next election."

His brother, Coun. Doug Ford, called Stintz "deceitful" and "nothing but a liar."

Comments like those are more likely to get the duo in trouble.

"People are certainly allowed to criticize other public figures," said John MacNab, executive director of the council. "Where it devolves into a personal attack, the line for the CBSC has generally been how severe a personal attack it is."

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No secret

"It strikes me that if he's talking about someone's voting record, that is public knowledge."

John MacNab, executive director of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council

Mississauga to repeal shark-fin ban

Mississauga councillors have voted to repeal the city's shark-fin ban, following the defeat of a proposed federal ban in Ottawa last week.

The unanimous vote at the general committee meeting on Wednesday will be up for final approval at next week's full council meeting.

"We always said it should have been at the federal level. I still believe (Mississauga's ban) was the right thing to do," said Coun. Pat Mullin, who began pushing for the ban in 2011.

Last Wednesday, a private member's bill proposed by NDP fisheries and oceans critic Fin Donnelly to ban imports of shark fin was narrowly defeated on second reading in the House of Commons.

Mullin also said that an Ontario Superior Court decision in November, quashing Toronto's shark-fin ban, effectively removed Mississauga's ability to enforce its bylaw.

But Mullin said Mississauga will likely drop its attempt to impose any type of ban, now that the one that took effect in June has been repealed.

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Friends of Boston bombing suspect removed fireworks from dorm: FBI

19-year-olds charged. Two of three students arrested were previously jailed on allegations they were in violation of their student visas

This April 20 photo shows the front tag on a 2006 BMW that a spokesperson from the Massachusetts Registry of Vehicles says is registered to Dias Kadyrbayev, who is charged with conspiring to obstruct justice in the Boston bombing investigation. One of Kadyrbayev's lawyers said the plate was just a joke gift from the 19-year-old's friends. ERIKA NIEDOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three college friends of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were arrested and accused Wednesday of removing a backpack containing hollowed-out fireworks from Tsarnaev's dorm room three days after the attack to keep him from getting into trouble.

In court papers, the FBI said one of them threw the backpack in the garbage — it was later found in a landfill by law enforcement officers — after the young men concluded from news reports that Tsarnaev was one of the bombers.

Azamat Tazhayakov and Dias Kadyrbayev, both 19-year-olds from Kazakhstan, were charged with conspiring to obstruct justice by concealing and destroying evidence. Robel Phillipos, 19, who graduated from the prestigious Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School with Tsarnaev, was charged with lying to investigators about the visit to Tsarnaev's room.

The three were not accused of any involvement in the bombing itself. But in a footnote in the court papers outlining the charges, the FBI said that about a month before the bombing, Tsarnaev told Tazhayakov and Kadyrbayev that he knew how to make a bomb.

Authorities allege that on the night of April 18, after the FBI released surveillance-camera photos of the bombing suspects and the three men suspected their friend was one of them, they went to Tsarnaev's dorm room.

Before Tsarnaev's roommate let them in, Kadyrbayev showed Tazhayakov a text message from Tsarnaev that read: "I'm about to leave if you need something in my room take it," according to the FBI. When Tazhayakov learned of the message, "he believed he would never see Tsarnaev alive again," the FBI said in the affidavit.

The lawyers for the Kazakh students said their clients had nothing to do with the bombing and were just as shocked by the crime as everyone else.

If convicted, each of the accused could receive a multi-year prison sentence and a fine of up to $250,000.

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Russian connection

Box bomb kills teens in Dagestan

A bomb exploded Wednesday in a busy shopping area in the capital of Russia's restive republic of Dagestan, killing at least two people, police said.

Two teenage boys who tried to open a cardboard box left near a store were killed when the bomb inside went off, police said.

The explosion in the city of Makhachkala also wounded an undetermined number of people, said the republic's interior ministry. She had no further details about the bomb.

The Islamic insurgent hotbed is home to the parents of the suspects in last month's Boston Marathon bombing. One of the bombing suspects who was killed in a shootout with police, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, paid a long visit to Dagestan last year. Investigators are trying to determine whether he had contact with extremists there.

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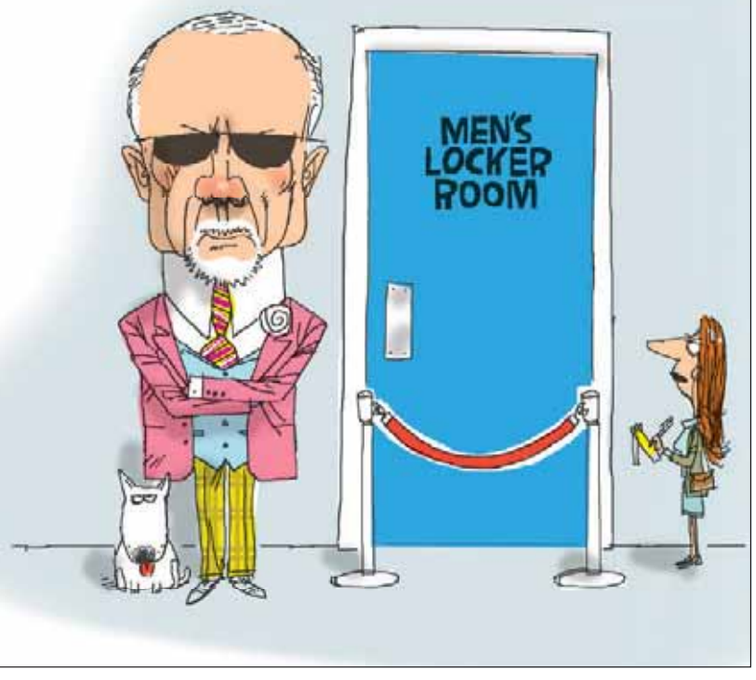

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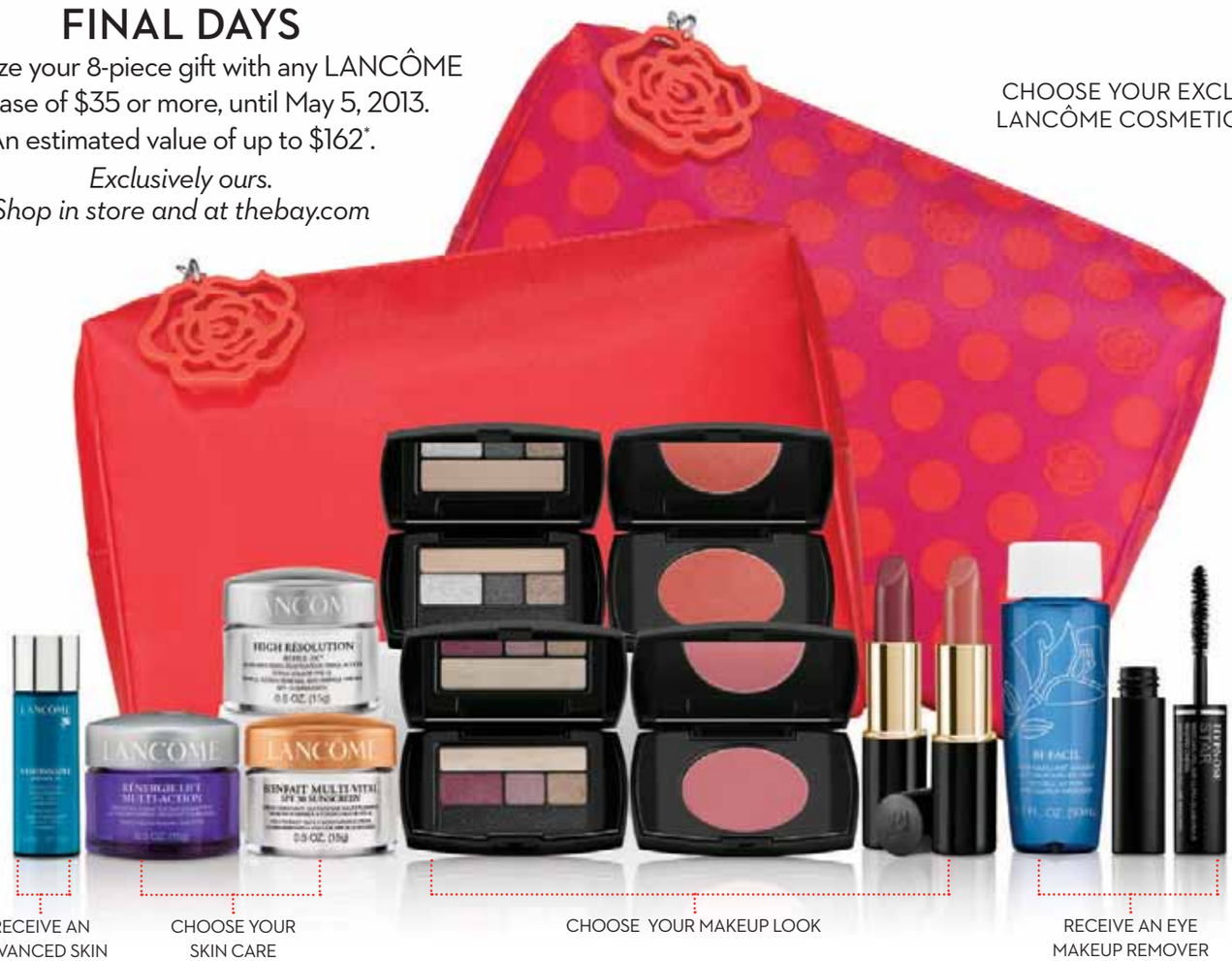

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May Day marchers demand immigration overhaul in U.S.

Immigrant workers. Peaceful marches cross the U.S. in hopes of reaching Capitol Hill

An immigrant from Mexico marches during a May Day rally in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Demonstrators demanded an overhaul of immigration laws Wednesday in an annual, nationwide ritual that carried a special sense of urgency as Congress considers sweeping legislation that would bring many of the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally out of the shadows.

Thousands joined May Day rallies from Concord, N.H., to Los Angeles, where scores of marchers gathered downtown. In Salem, Ore., Gov. John Kitzhaber was cheered by about 2,000 people on the Capitol steps as he signed a bill to allow people living in Oregon without proof of legal status to obtain drivers licences.

In Vermont, more than 1,000 people assembled on the Montpelier Statehouse lawn. And in New York, paper rats on sticks bobbed along Sixth Avenue as about 200 protesters set off from Bryant Park, chanting: "What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!" The rats were intended to symbolize abused migrant workers.

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Accident. 2-year-old girl killed by brother, 5, with gun received as a gift

A five-year-old U.S. boy accidentally shot his two-year-old sister to death with a rifle he had received as a gift last year, Kentucky authorities said.

The children's mother was home at the time Tuesday afternoon but had stepped out to the front porch for a few minutes and "she heard the gun go off," Cumberland County Coroner Gary White said. He said the rifle was kept in a corner, and the family didn't realize a bullet was left inside it.

White told the Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper the boy received the .22-calibre rifle, especially made for children, as a gift.

White identified the gun as a Crickett, referring to a company that specifically makes guns, clothes and books for children. "It's a little rifle for a kid. ... The little boy's used to shooting the little gun."

The shooting, while accidental, highlights a cultural divide in the U.S. debate over gun control, which again became a top issue after 20 young children and six adults were shot dead at a Connecticut school in December. While many urban and suburban areas work to keep guns out of the hands of children, it's not uncommon for youths in rural areas to own guns for target practice and hunting.

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'My first rifle'

Keystone Sporting Arms produced 60,000 Crickett and Chipmunk rifles in 2008, according to its website.

- The smaller guns come in all sorts of colours, including blue and pink.
- The company's slogan is "my first rifle," and its website has a "Kids Corner" section with photos of children at shooting ranges and on bird and deer hunts.

Global presence

Canada won't trade foreign policy for Security Council seat: Baird

The ongoing debate about Canada's standing on the world stage was rekindled Wednesday after John Baird admitted Canada won't run again for a spot on the United Nations Security Council.

Canada doesn't need a spot on the council to have a place in the world, the foreign affairs minister said Wednesday during a pointed question period exchange in the House of Commons.

"Canada's principled foreign policy is not for sale for a Security Council seat," Baird said.

"We are aggressively working on humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable ..."

"This minister will be noted as the minister who just gave up when it comes to trying to win back our seat ..." NDP critic Paul Dewar said.

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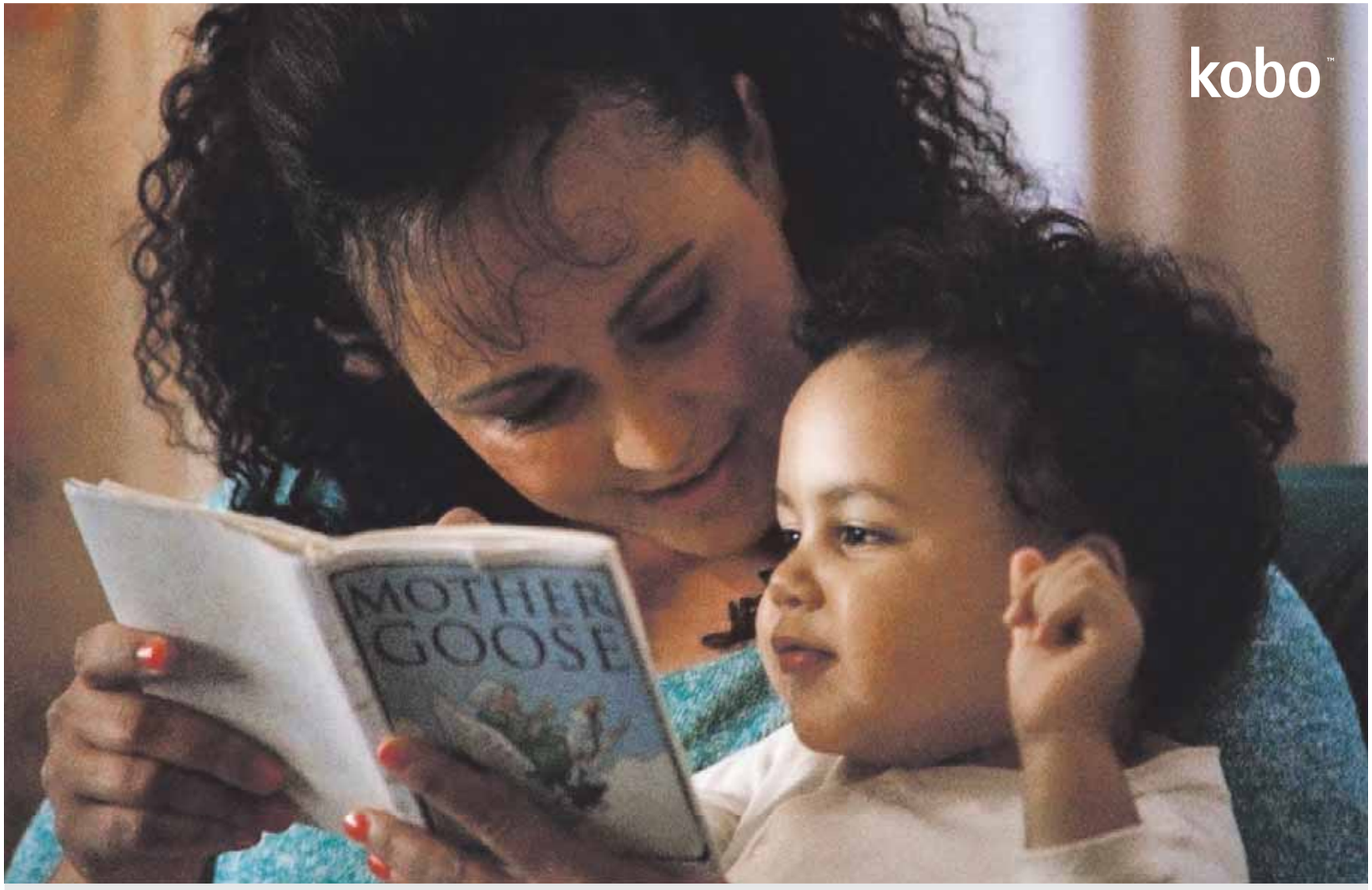

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Brit adventurer dies on Greenland's ice

Expedition. Man, 37, on a charity trek dies in the cold wind that sweeps across the eastern part of Greenland's vast ice cap

A 37-year-old British adventurer has died and two others with him suffered frostbite injuries as they tried to cross Greenland's ice cap on a charity hike, officials said Wednesday.

The British Foreign Office said Philip Goodeve-Docker died and two others on the trek remained hospitalized.

On Friday, the three-man expedition got caught by a strong cold wind that sweeps across the eastern part of the vast ice cap, according to Poul Petersen, a spokesman for the police in Greenland. A rescue helicopter was not able to reach the men until Saturday because of the bad weather, and by that time Goodeve-Docker was dead, he said.

The survivors were flown to Britain via Iceland after being treated at a hospital in Tasiilaq, 180 kilometres south of the Arctic Circle, Petersen said.

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Bears and deep crevasses

- Goodeve-Docker described the 600-km trek as one of the great polar challenges, and said its dangers included polar bears, crevasses up to 500 metres and temperatures as low as -50 C.

A 37-year-old British man has died and two others suffered frostbite as they tried to cross Greenland's ice cap, seen in this file photo. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Altitude problem. Truce called by brawling guides, climbers at Mount Everest

A truce has been reached between three foreign climbers and Nepalese Sherpa guides who were involved in a fist fight on Mount Everest, officials said Wednesday.

Two of the foreigners, however, returned to Nepal's capital and were undecided if they would quit their climb.

Tilak Pandey of the Mountaineering Department said a truce was reached at base camp between the foreigners — an Italian, a Briton and a Swiss — and the Sherpas on Tuesday.

Nima Nuru of Cho-Oyu Trekking, who equipped the expedition, said Swiss climber Ueli Steck and British climber Jonathan Griffith flew to Kathmandu by helicopter on Wednesday, and Italian Simone Moro also was planning to return.

Nepalese officials are investigating the fight, which both sides accuse the other of starting.

Steck and Griffith refused to talk to reporters in Kathmandu.

Sumit Joshi, a mountain guide from Sydney said by telephone from the Everest base camp that the argument started when the Sherpa guides, who were digging a path on the snowy trail, asked the foreign climbers to wait until they were finished. He said the climbers ignored them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climbers Ueli Steck, left, of Switzerland and Simone Moro, right, of Italy, with British photographer Jonathan Griffith. AFP/JONATHAN GRIFFITH/GETTY IMAGES

Jamestown, Virginia

Evidence of cannibalism among earliest U.S. colonists

Scientists revealed Wednesday that they have found the first solid archeological evidence that some of the earliest American colonists at Jamestown, Va., survived harsh conditions by turning to cannibalism.

For years, there have been tales of people in the first permanent English settlement in America eating dogs, cats, rats, mice, snakes and shoe leather to stave off starvation. There were also written accounts of settlers eating their own dead.

But now, archaeologists and the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History discovered the bones of a girl, 14, that show clear signs that she was cannibalized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ornge sells 2 copters to pay down debt

Objective. Head of air-ambulance service says aim was to recoup as much of the original investment as possible

Ontario's troubled air-ambulance service has sold two helicopters for $20 million US that will be used to pay down its debt, Ornge said Wednesday. They're among the 12 helicopters Ornge bought for $144 million from Italian company AgustaWestland — a deal that's come under intense scrutiny.

The organization, which receives about $150 million a year from the government, is under a criminal probe for financial irregularities.

CEO and president Dr. Andrew McCallum said Ornge has taken "another important step in addressing legacy issues inherited from previous leadership."

Ornge bought 10 AW139 helicopters in 2008 and two more for $11 million US each, and had been looking for a buyer since the government cleaned house at Ornge and installed new leadership.

The helicopters were sold to Wilmington Trust of Delaware, Ornge said.

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"With this sale, we will no longer incur ongoing storage, maintenance and depreciation costs."

Dr. Andrew McCallum, Ornge CEO

An Ornge helicopter of Ontario's air ambulance service is shown in a handout photo. ORNGE/THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

Muddy tale. Woman, 64, rescued after 12 hours stuck in mud with dog

A central Ontario woman didn't panic when she was stuck knee-deep in mud for 12 hours because her dog snuggled up to keep her warm and calm.

Sandra Van Alstyne, 64, was out walking Monty, a three-year-old border collie, in the cottage-country area of Haliburton Highlands on Tuesday around 10:30 a.m. when she encountered a muddy section of a trail.

"It didn't look like it would be a real problem," she said Wednesday from her home. "So I stepped in it and I got sucked down into it."

Van Alstyne got her right leg free, but her left leg just wasn't coming, she said. "It was like it was cemented," she said.

When she didn't return home Van Alstyne's husband became frantic and called police, who immediately started searching for her.

In the mud, meanwhile, Van Alstyne said she wasn't too worried.

"I surprised myself," she said. "I didn't panic. I had my dog with me and he stayed right by me; even when it got a little chilly he was right there to snuggle into."

About 12 hours after she got stuck, provincial police found her using a helicopter and tracking dogs and had to use shovels to help get her out. The officers themselves nearly got stuck while trying to rescue her, Van Alstyne said.

She got checked out at the hospital and is no worse for wear, except for a voice hoarse from shouting for help. Monty is fine too, she said. "It was just fun for him," Van Alstyne said. "He didn't understand what was going on ."

From now on, Van Alstyne said, she is going to take her cellphone when she and Monty go out for walks.

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Her best friend

"I didn't panic. I had my dog with me and he stayed right by me; even when it got a little chilly he was right there to snuggle into."

Sandra Van Alstyne, talking about Monty, her three-year-old border collie.

10th annual campaign

CAA asking drivers to name the worst roads in Ontario

The Canadian Automobile Association has launched its 10th annual Worst Roads campaign for Ontario with a call for the province to spend taxes collected from drivers to fix the problems.

Road users are encouraged to vote on the CAA website all month for the province's worst road of 2013 and the top 10 will be shared with Ontario's provincial and municipal governments.

CAA spokeswoman Faye Lyons says drivers pay the tax every time they stop at the pumps and deserve to see that money reinvested into the roads and bridges they travel on. Lyons says the government currently collects $2.3 billion a year by taxing gas and diesel sold in the province.

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Supervised custody

Girl sentenced in vicious attack on disabled man

A 17-year-old girl has been sentenced for her role in a violent robbery and assault on a disabled man in Mount Pearl, N.L., last year. The girl was sentenced to six months of open and supervised custody Tuesday after pleading guilty to robbery with violence, conspiracy to commit robbery and possession of stolen goods. A charge of assault causing bodily harm was withdrawn.

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Protecting juveniles

Group assails sex-offender-registry system

A human rights group is calling on the government to stop the practice of placing the names of juveniles on publicly accessible sex-offender registries.

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Greek-only handouts

Mayor of Athens vows to stop 'racist' charity

The mayor of Athens has pledged to prevent an extreme far-right party from staging food handouts only for Greeks in the capital's busiest square. Giorgos Kaminis accused Golden Dawn on Wednesday of engaging in "racist and xenophobic charity." Kaminis said Thursday's planned handout is illegal and he would do his best to stop it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Desperate act

Couple leaves autistic son with social services

An Ottawa couple's decision to leave their severely autistic son at a social services agency this week was 10 years in the making. Amanda Telford took her 19-year-old son Philippe to Developmental Services Ontario. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Racist taunts greet 1st black minister in Italy

Cecile Kyenge. Appointment of woman born in Congo causes racist backlash

It was hailed as a giant step forward for racial integration in a country that has long been ill at ease with its growing immigrant classes.

But Cecile Kyenge's appointment as Italy's first black cabinet minister has instead exposed the nation's ugly race problem, a blight that flares regularly on the soccer pitch with racist taunts and in the diatribes of xenophobic politicians — but has now raised its head at the centre of political life.

One politician from a party that not long ago ruled in a coalition derided what he called Italy's new "bonga bonga government." On Wednesday, amid increasing revulsion over the reaction, the government authorized an investigation into neo-fascist websites whose members called Kyenge a "Congolese monkey" and other epithets.

Kyenge, 48, was born in Congo and moved to Italy three decades ago to study medicine. An eye surgeon, she lives in Modena with her Italian husband and two children. She was active in local centre-left politics before winning a seat in the lower Chamber of Deputies in February elections.

Premier Enrico Letta tapped Kyenge to be minister of integration in his hybrid centre-left and centre-right government that won its second vote of confidence Tuesday. In his introductory speech to Parliament, Letta touted Kyenge's appointment as a "new concept about the confines of barriers giving way to hope, of unsurpassable limits giving way to a bridge between diverse communities."

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Italian Integration Minister Cecile Kyenge arrives at the premier's office in Rome. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Ireland publishes bill on life-saving abortions

Controversy.
Opposition says bill is so restrictive, most women won't bother

Abortion-rights protesters march through Dublin holding pictures of Savita Halappanavar, who died last year from blood poisoning after being refused a termination because her dying fetus still had a heartbeat.
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Ireland unveiled a long-awaited bill Wednesday that lays down new rules governing when life-saving abortions can be performed, a point of potentially lethal confusion for women in a country that outlaws terminations.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny, speaking to reporters after his government published the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill, said he hoped the coming weeks of debate would not turn bitter. But he warned Catholic conservatives within his own party to back the bill or be expelled.

Kenny said the bill would set a maximum 14-year prison sentence for anyone involved in an illegal abortion, whether doctor or patient. The current law, dating to 1861, sets the maximum penalty at life.

Kenny's government took action following the death of a woman last year from blood poisoning after she was refused a termination because her dying fetus still had a heartbeat. The bill, if passed, would change nothing for the vast majority of an estimated 4,000 Irish women who travel annually for abortions in England, or for the growing number who order miscarriage-inducing drugs over the Internet.

Anti-abortion activists, including many in Kenny's own Fine Gael party, protest that the proposed law could become a platform for eventual wider access to abortion in Ireland. Malta is the only other European Union country that bans it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Abused woman reveals her face transplant

Attacked by ex-husband. Doused with industrial-strength lye, 44-year-old woman underwent treatment at Boston hospital

Carmen Blandin Tarleton after a face transplant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A U.S. woman revealed her new face after a transplant Wednesday, six years after her ex-husband disfigured her by dousing her with industrial-strength lye, and said she went through "what some may call hell" but has found a way to be happy.

Carmen Blandin Tarleton had face-transplant surgery in February and spoke publicly for the first time at a news conference. "I'm now in a better place, mentally and emotionally, than I ever could have imagined six years ago," Tarleton said. "I want to share my experience with others, so they may find that strength inside themselves to escape their own pain."

In 2007, the 44-year-old mother of two was attacked by Herbert Rodgers, who believed she was seeing another man. Police say he struck her with a bat and poured lye from a squeeze bottle onto her face.

When police arrived, Tarleton was trying to crawl into a shower to wash away the chemical. In 2009, Rodgers pleaded guilty to maiming Tarleton in exchange for a prison sentence of at least 30 years.

A team of 30 worked for more than 15 hours on the transplant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkmenistan. Media censor president's fall in horse race; claim he won

Seeing the president fall from a speeding horse would be a shock to any nation. In authoritarian Turkmenistan, many residents didn't even get the chance.

President Gurbanguli Berdymukhamedov apparently wasn't seriously injured Sunday when his horse stumbled and he pitched into the dirt track at the hippodrome on the outskirts of the capital, Ashgabat. But the fall was certainly a wound to the pride of the 55-year-old Central Asian leader, whose all-powerful personality cult portrays him as effortlessly competent.

Thousands of people were in the stands for the race.

But state television's video of the race cut off just before the fall and the extensive reports on the event didn't mention the plunge.

All broadcasting in Turkmenistan is state-run. And state media reported that Berdymukhamedov won the race. He reappeared later to accept the winner's prize — $11 million.

Video shows a rider falling when his horse stumbles just after crossing the finish line in first place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkmenistan's security agencies reportedly went into high gear to try to block images of the president's fall from slipping out. APTN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Watchdog survey

World population in free-press countries lowest in 16 years

A slump in global media freedom driven by Mali's turmoil, Greece's decline and tightening media control in Latin America pushed the percentage of the world's population in countries with a completely free press to its lowest level in 16 years, the democracy group Freedom House said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria

Rare Assad public appearance

Syrian President Assad made an appearance at a Damascus power station on Wednesday, while two bombs exploded near the city centre. The appearance came two days after his PM escaped assassination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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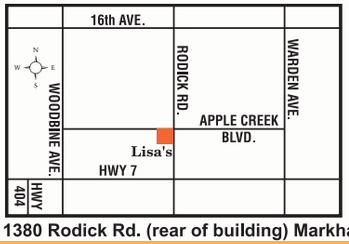

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Charles Sousa, Ontario's minister of finance, seen here with Premier Kathleen Wynne at the Ontario legislature, says they have met the NDP's demands for their support to pass the budget. RENE JOHNSTON/TORONTO STAR VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

Liberals wooing NDP in last-ditch effort to survive

Budget. Finance minister says they've met all NDP requests and much more

Ontario's governing Liberals say the New Democrats should make up their minds about triggering an election over Thursday's provincial budget, which they say meets all the NDP's demands to keep the minority government alive.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa has led a surprising parade of pre-budget announcements targeting the NDP in recent days, giving them time to mull over the proposals before the full fiscal plan is unveiled.

Sousa has said the budget will include $185 million to reduce wait times for seniors needing home care — far exceeding the NDP's $30-million demand. It will also include $295 million to reduce youth unemployment — the NDP asked for $195 million for that initiative. The budget will also set a target for a 15 per cent average cut in auto insurance premiums, but will not mandate an across-the-board reduction in rates as the NDP demanded.

New Democrat Leader Andrea Horwath said Wednesday she will not tip her hand immediately after the budget, and will first want to consult with voters about whether or not she should keep propping up the minority Liberal government. "We're going to take our time and we're going to be very thoughtful about this," said Horwath.

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Andrea's choice

Horwath can vote against a budget her party influenced, or allow the minority government to survive, at the risk the Liberals will reap the rewards for her party's populist ideas.

- In 1985, the NDP agreed to prop up the Liberals on the condition that they implemented some of their policies. Two years later, the Liberals won by a landslide and the NDP lost seats.
- Sousa's announcement of a $45-million music grant program — in an NDP riding no less — sent a clear message that the Liberals are going after NDP votes.

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May Day marchers demand better pay

Labour groups and trade unions march near the presidential palace Wednesday in Manila, Philippines, to demand better pay, an end to contractualization, and lower prices on basic commodities. Labourers in Indonesia, Cambodia, Turkey and other countries also marched and chanted en masse on May Day. They sounded complaints about being squeezed by big business amid the surging cost of living.

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Mass funeral held for garment workers

Factory tragedy. While unidentified bodies from collapsed building are buried in Bangladesh, Pope condemns 'slave labour' conditions

Dozens of Bangladeshi garment workers, their bodies too battered or decomposed to be identified, were buried in a mass funeral Wednesday, a week after the eight-storey building they worked in toppled down, killing at least 410 people and injuring thousands.

Hundreds attended the traditional Muslim funeral and many more looked on from the roofs of nearby buildings as the bodies, rotting in the spring heat, were brought to the graveyard on the back of flatbed trucks.

Onlookers covered their noses. One woman rushed through the crowd to the back of a truck wailing that one of the bodies was her sister's. She begged to take it as family members held on to her to keep her from collapsing.

Local men and boys recited a traditional Muslim prayer for the dead. Then, 34 bodies were unloaded and placed in the graves. Workers at the cemetery have dug several long rows of graves as authorities expect to bury scores more unidentified bodies in the coming days.

"I would not have to take part in this if the government acted more responsibly," said Rasel Islam, a 32-year-old man who attended the burial.

Five garment factories were housed in the illegally constructed Rana Plaza building that collapsed April 24, five months after a fire killed 112 people at another clothing factory. The tragedies exposed the unsafe conditions plaguing Bangladesh's $20-billion-a-year garment industry, which supplies many European and American retailers.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis said he was shocked by a headline about the building collapse that said some of the workers were living on about $50 a month.

"This was the payment of these people who have died ... and this is called 'slave labour,'" he said. Vatican Radio said the Pope made the remarks during a private Mass at the Vatican.

"Not paying a just (wage), not providing work, focusing exclusively on the balance books, on financial statements, only looking at making personal profit. That goes against God!" Francis was quoted as saying.

He added: "People are less important than the things that give profit to those who have political, social, economic power. What point have we come to? To the point that we are not aware of this dignity of the person; this dignity of labour." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I would not have to take part in this if the government acted more responsibly."

Rasel Islam, a funeral attendee

A woman grieves for a family member who has been missing since a garment factory building collapsed in Savar, Bangladesh. More than 400 people died in the collapse. ISMAIL FERDOUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU officials call for better conditions

- Catherine Ashton, the EU's foreign affairs chief, and its trade commissioner, Karel De Gucht, called in a statement for Bangladesh authorities to act immediately to ensure factories comply with international labour standards.
- Among the garment makers in the building were Phantom Apparels, Phantom Tac, Ether Tex, New Wave Style and New Wave Bottoms. Altogether, they produced several million shirts, pants and other garments a year.
- Some Joe Fresh clothing was also made at the factory. Loblaw has already said it will pay compensation to the victims and their families. "I'm deeply shaken by the event as are our colleagues throughout our Joe Fresh and Loblaw business," executive chairman Galen Weston said Wednesday.

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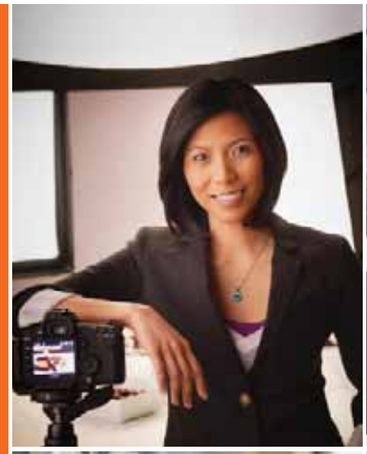

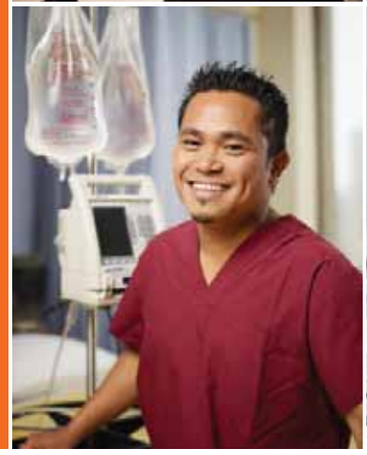

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In this online ad for Mountain Dew, the goat in the police lineup makes threatening remarks to the injured woman such as, "Ya better not snitch on a playa" and "Keep ya mouth shut." She eventually screams, "I can't do this, no no no!" and runs away. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB/METRO

Celeb-made Mountain Dew ad leaves bad taste

Hip or horrible? PepsiCo pulls online spot depicting battered woman being threatened in police lineup

PepsiCo is once again learning the risks of celebrity partnerships after an ad for Mountain Dew was criticized for portraying racial stereotypes and making light of violence toward women.

The company said it pulled the 60-second spot after learning people found it offensive. The ad was part of a series developed by African-American rapper Tyler, the Creator, and depicted a battered white woman on crutches being urged to identify a suspect out of a lineup of black men.

A goat character known as Felicia is included in the lineup and makes threatening comments to the woman, such as "Ya better not snitch on a playa" and "Keep ya mouth shut."

The woman eventually screams, "I can't do this, no no no!" and runs away. The word "do" is in apparent reference to the soft drink's Dew It slogan.

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Dairy farming. New mozzarella rules may mean cheaper pizza

Canada's dairy farmers have changed the rules they use to classify milk that goes into making mozzarella cheese. And that could result in cheaper fresh-made pizzas for consumers across the country.

The new milk class, to take effect June 1, is expected to result in lower costs for Canadian-made mozzarella for restaurants that prepare and cook pizzas on site.

The move could also slow or halt the erosion of domestic cheese sales to pizza restaurants. The battle to cut the cost of mozzarella for pizza restaurants has been fought for nearly 15 years, ever since frozen-pizza makers — including frozen-food giant McCain — won an exemption from Ottawa that allowed them to buy cheese at the cheaper world market price.

"There's been an inequity with frozen pizza versus fresh pizza with the exact same mozza cheese, and we've been pushing and pushing and pushing (for changes)," said Garth Whyte, president of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

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Online content. DreamWorks buys AwesomenessTV for $33M

DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. is buying AwesomenessTV, a YouTube teen network, for about $33 million US in cash as it looks to tap into the popularity of online content.

DreamWorks said Wednesday that AwesomenessTV founder and CEO Brian Robbins will continue to direct growth at that company while also developing a DreamWorks-branded digital family channel.

AwesomenessTV features talk shows, scripted and reality programs and sketch comedy. Its network of YouTube channels has 14.4 million subscribers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pre-budget promises

Grant program would help Ont. music industry

Ontario's governing Liberals are promising to create a music grant program in Thursday's budget. They plan to spend $45 million in new money over three years, starting this year. The Liberals say it will promote Ontario's music industry in Canada and overseas and bring more business to Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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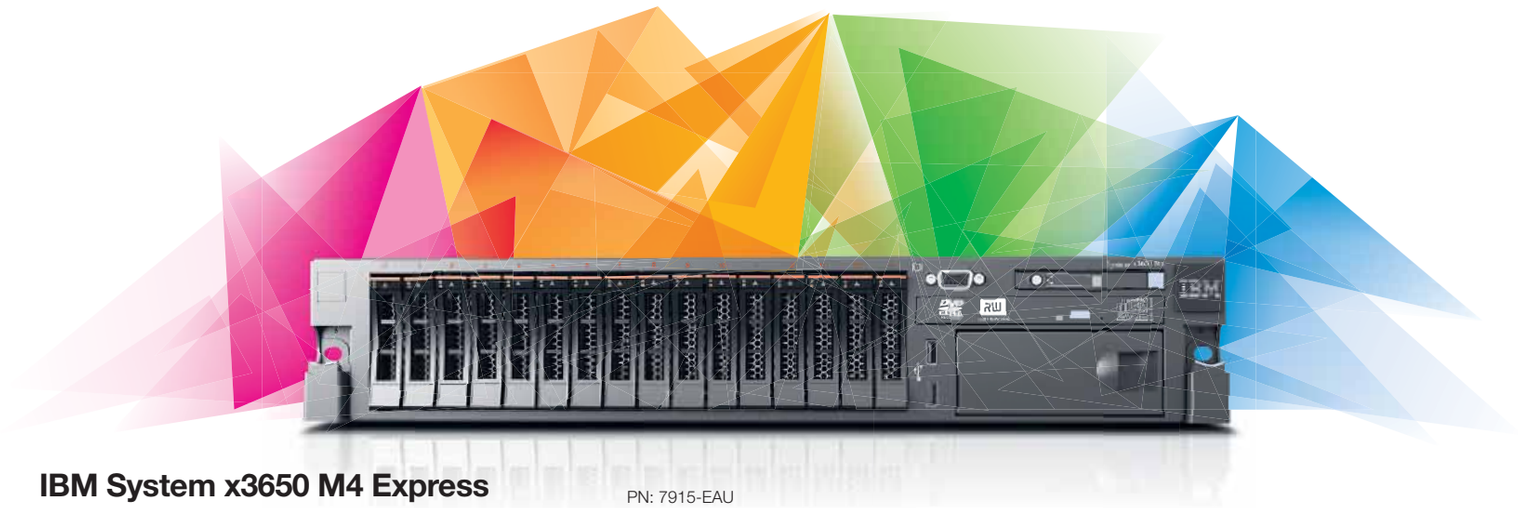

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Dearest readers,

By the time you read this, I may have already been mocked.

As I write this, Game 1 in the playoff series between the Boston Bruins and the Toronto Maple Leafs has not yet been played. It promises to be a war and, as a fervent Bruins fan in Toronto, I'm trapped behind enemy lines.

Toronto is Canada's team — or so certain Leafs fans never tire of telling me — and here I am right in the belly of the buds. If Toronto was victorious in the first battle, the verbal and psychological abuse may have already begun. And if the Bruins took the skirmish, who knows what blowback I might be facing?

A number of people, concerned about my well-being, have asked what it's like to be a die-hard fan of one team while living in a rival team's city. In response, I scratch out this humble letter, keeping myself sane on the eastern (conference) front with pieces of chocolate and a few pin-up girls I've been able to find on the Internet.

I try to blend in here, but I fear my Bruins toque, two Bruins jackets, two Bruins T-shirts, four Bruins baseball caps, Bruins key chain and Bruins rubber bracelet may be giving me away.

Fortunately, most Leafs fans don't seem to notice me; they're too busy celebrating that they've made the playoffs for the first time since the Earth was hot and molten. They stumble around with goofy grins, shaking the rust of fandom off, yelling on the streets that they're "ready for the ... after-games ... tournament thing!"

But I must be careful not to prod. As I said, by now the Leafs may be up 1-0 in the series, and I'll be dodging the shots and cuts and jabs of co-workers and passersby. Just yesterday somebody said, "Your jacket looks terrible." The wound still festers.

I always live in fear of the perfect put-down, the one that will shame me and shut me down forever. Fortunately the best most people can do is, "Your team's best player sucks!"

And, in truth, Maple Leafs fans are remarkably gentle. It might be because the young men most likely to be jerks haven't had anything to strut about since they were 11. It might be because buying a game ticket requires a bailout from the World Bank. Or it might just be Toronto's easy-going nature.

Whatever it is, Leafs fans are not the threatening sort. Yet.

Compare that to, say, Philadelphia, where Flyers fans would gladly decapitate me at the gates of Wells Fargo Center and use my head as a clapper in the Liberty Bell.

Yes, I do consider myself a hero.

But I'm not alone. Right across this country there are people like me: Calgary fans in Edmonton, Edmonton fans in Vancouver, Montreal fans in Winnipeg. Rangers, Bruins and Blackhawks fans have infiltrated the North. And Maple Leafs fans seem to be everywhere, like spruce budworm.

God, I even know an Islanders fan, may his soul find rest.

Yes, us sports fans who value laundry over geography are legion. So, no matter what the outcome over the next two months, I will walk brave and true through enemy territory, knowing I have an army of like-minded soldiers at my back.

Unless, of course, the Leafs win the Stanley Cup, in which case I'm moving to Ouagadougou.

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Koozoo:

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@metropicks asked: As the NHL playoffs get underway, we want to know: what's your playoff regime? Lucky pants? Not shaving?

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@EthanDR: I use my luc ky Netscape Navigator browser

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Contact festival. 'Youth-as-fetish' exhibit highlights musicians who died at the age of 27

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A photo of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain in the Forever 27 exhibit at the Analogue Gallery as part of the Contact photography festival. ED SIRRS/CONTRIBUTED

Its name suggests sunny optimism, but Forever 27, the latest show at Queen West rock photography hub the Analogue Gallery, is anything but. "It's almost a youth-as-fetish show," says owner Lucia Graca.

The exhibit, part of this month's Scotiabank Contact festival, showcases members of the 27 Club, musicians who passed away at the young age of 27, and includes images of rock icons like Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain and Jimi Hendrix.

Graca was inspired to spotlight these artists following the 2011 death of singer Amy Winehouse, who Graca calls "an incredible talent, personal life aside."

Winehouse, who was 27 when she passed away, was plagued by substance abuse and public breakdowns throughout the last years of her short career, a theme that's pervasive among the show's subjects.

Although only 13 at the time, Graca remembers how much she was affected by the 1994 death of Kurt Cobain. Those feelings returned after Winehouse's death; the music was a soundtrack to Graca's time living in England during the early years of her photography career.

Among the exhibit's 27 photos are her own from Winehouse's 2008 Glastonbury appearance, the height of her notoriety.

"I remember it so clearly," she says. "I've never seen so many photographers in one place; it was like vultures. People were really wanting to see her fail."

Yet Winehouse persevered. "It was incredible."

The buzzards were dispersed from the photo pit after the customary three songs, "and two or three songs later, someone threw a hat on stage and it hit her leg. She got into the crowd and punched somebody."

All of the featured artists were surrounded by a cult of personality, says Graca. Death only magnified their extracurricular activities, pushing their art to the side.

But Forever 27 seeks to change that. "The show is meant to be a celebration of their achievements, their talent and their careers."

Forever 27 runs until May 31 at the Analogue Gallery, at 673 Queen St. W.

Theories on the 27 Club

Coincidence, trend or myth?

There's no concrete beginning for the 27 Club; like the rule of three, which says celebrities die in groups of three, it's a myth whose legend has only grown over the years.

"All these conspiracy theories, star signs and mythology … there's a million blogs out there dedicated as to why," says Graca.

Yet she doesn't subscribe to theory. "The non-superstitious side of me says it's just a coincidence. Two times makes a coincidence, three times makes a trend, four times makes a myth."

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Happy to play Ho Hey every day

The Lumineers. Lead singer Wesley Schultz talks about returning to Canada, their big hit and the importance of following it up

The Lumineers, the Denver-based folk-rock band who authored the rousing smash single Ho Hey, have played sparingly in Canada, so they have a clear memory of the few gigs they have played north of the border.

One in particular stands out to frontman Wesley Schultz. It was last June, when the Lumineers' self-titled debut had been out for a couple months but the hand-stitched Ho Hey was still hovering around the fringe of the Billboard singles chart. The band was scheduled to play a (non-headlining) show at Toronto's historic but cosy Horseshoe Tavern during North by Northeast, and the venue was full — though the mood was skeptical.

"It was half fans, half industry people with their arms folded, didn't really give a (crap)," Schultz recalled in a telephone interview. "The industry people were sort of wondering what the fuss was about. They were kind of put off by all the (fans), which is strange to say but it was true. The fans were like, really excited.

"It was almost like the people in the music business around there hadn't been wise to it before the fans had. They were kind of underestimating what we were doing at the time, I think, and almost looking like, '(This crowd) must be here for something else.'

"We actually thought the same thing. Because we were in Canada! We'd never been there before."

The Lumineers have played sparingly in Canada thus far, but that is due to change. CANADIAN PRESS/AP/INVISION

There will be no doubt when the Lumineers wind back through the country this time. They play Hamilton's Copps Coliseum on Tuesday before a pair of sold-out gigs in Toronto and another in Montreal. Their album has recently been certified double-platinum here, Ho Hey is five-times platinum and their more recent single, Stubborn Love, is gold. Schultz talked about the Grammy-nominated band's big year, following up Ho Hey and finding time to write new material.

Your second single, Stubborn Love, is doing well now, with gold sales here in Canada. Is that a relief, that it wasn't just Ho Hey that would connect?
Yeah, you can never reproduce something like Ho Hey, it was just huge. It becomes this big thing, and you don't want to be known for just one thing. The other thing is that our live shows, I've noticed that Stubborn Love actually gets a bigger reaction. ... It's cool to hear that song's being played now on the radio as well. It's a scary thing to have success with one song.

And you didn't necessarily consider the band a singles-oriented act before that, did you?
No. ... Our stuff, even the way we produced the record, the album was produced in such a way that it wasn't really slick, it wasn't glossed over. So I didn't think it would see the light of day on radio — maybe some NPR-type stations. We've actually made it onto the Top 40 stations, and that was pretty weird. I think every time we walked into the station, they were pretty nice to us, but it would be different. We're not the typical band that walked into those doors.

Did you know early on you had a hit in Ho Hey?
I remember this hilarious moment — (though) it wasn't hilarious at the time, it was kind of (crappy). Jere (Jeremiah Fraites) and I had just recorded Ho Hey on our own, in our basement, and we were moving out of this one house and moving into this smaller, crappier house. We were showing the new tenants, these college kids moving in, the digs. Here's the bedroom. Here's the bathroom. And he saw our instruments and our computer (and) ProTools. We said, "You should listen to this song." And he was not at all impressed. It was kind of uncomfortable. It was actually a few of them, they were like: "Where's the bathroom again?" They just wanted to get out of the room. I was like, "Man, I don't know. I thought this was a really cool song. These people don't think so."

One of your bandmates recently estimated he's played Ho Hey more than 2,000 times. Are you sick of it?
(Someone) said: "Does it ever feel like you're covering someone else's song, because you play it so much?" That's the best way I can describe it some nights. You do it so much and there's not much flexibility with how you can necessarily present it every night. Sometimes we would go out in the crowd and we would play it with a lot less instruments and people would sing it for us. That was the best way to feel fresh about it. You become a little bit detached from it in some ways, but at the same time, happy to play it.

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Iron Boy's condition stymies doctors

Years of testing, 15 surgeries can't slow 10-year-old down

ALYSHAH HASHAM
TORONTO STAR

When Nico Orfeo grows up, he's going to be Iron Man.

Like the superhero, the small 10-year-old is a gregarious and charming spotlight-grabber and a Black Sabbath fan (he'll perform the song "Iron Man" at the drop of hat).

They both have hearts of gold. They've also both been cut open by doctors, again and again, to fix those hearts — and, for Nico, his brain and spine, too.

NICO continued on **A2**

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Nico Orfeo slowly wakes up in his mom Colette's arms after an MRI. Nico has a genetic condition that continues to baffle his doctors.

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Nico Orfeo turns the tables on Dr. Robert Pashby during an opthalmology checkup. Nico has had surgery for strabismus (eye-muscle imbalance) and ptosis (droopy eyelids).

He's 'unstoppable,' despite genetic puzzle

NICO from A1

The root cause of Nico's 15 surgeries remains a mystery — an undiagnosed genetic condition that might be so rare, he is the first to have it.

"When he was born, everything changed," says his mother Colette in their Alliston home. Nico was their second child, born two months early. "He was a floppy baby. He came out sort of sprawled to the world and had difficulty breathing."

He was rushed away by doctors. She barely had a chance to see him until the next day, when they were greeted by a string of doctors, including geneticists.

" 'We notice he looks different from the other babies,' they said," Colette recalls. "He had 'dysmorphic' features. I hate that word. His eyes were different, his ears were different, his chest was different, his toes. Everything. From head to toe, they listed it off. . . . He didn't open his eyes for the first eight days, so they were worried he was going to be blind.

"We went in to see him afterwards, and, as a parent, you just want to see your baby, your newborn. Instead, you're looking for all these things that they said is wrong with your baby."

But during a five-week stay at SickKids, the first of many, all the genetic tests came back normal. Nico was an enigma.

Before his annual ophthalmology appointment, Nico sits next to his dad Nick and older brother Samson, playing *Wreck it Ralph* on an iPad — a game in which he must quickly fix the damage wrought on buildings for no reason by a giant orange-clad man. It's sort of like the doctors who fix the damage wrought by the mysterious genetic condition on his body.

Colette can remember every surgery by looking at her son from head to foot, reeling off medical terms with ease.

The first took place when he was just three months old, on Mother's Day. The surgeon closed the hole in his heart.

"At about nine months of age, he developed hydrocephalus, which is a large amount of fluid that was causing pressure in the brain and impairing his brain development," says Dr. Abhaya Kulkarni, Nico's neurosurgeon.

Kulkarni installed a cerebral shunt to drain the fluid from Nico's brain into his belly. Two more surgeries followed.

In the meantime, Nico was doing regular speech and physiotherapy to help him develop the strength to hold his head up. He started walking at 27 months, something his parents had been warned might never happen.

"He's unstoppable," says Nick of his son, who was named after his grandfather Nicola and because Nico is a combination of Nick and Colette.

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Nico has been to his clinic so often that the nurses, who adore him, have thrown him a birthday party and have a photo of him taped to a computer in reception.

When Nico was 7, they discovered something new: He was being slowly paralyzed from the waist down. Kulkarni performed an operation to remove his top vertebrae, restoring his ability to run around.

Now, at 10, Nico is closer in mental age to his brother Max, two years his junior. He is only just beginning to ask why he must visit SickKids so often, why he must take regular shots of human growth hormone, and why he must make annual visits to a series of doctors who have been monitoring his progress since birth.

To find answers to their questions, his parents applied for Nico to join the National Institute of Health's Undiagnosed Diseases Program. As DNA-sequencing and genetic testing develops, the Washington-based clinical research initiative could give Nico that elusive diagnosis.

It could be a variant of a syndrome already identified. Or it could be something entirely new: Nico Syndrome.

"For us, it's about knowing what could happen in the future, and being proactive instead of reactive in his medical care," says Colette. "It has nothing to with having a name for something, or being part of a group. We just want to say this syndrome has XYZ symptoms, and, when he is a teenager, these things could happen."

Nico was accepted into the program last September, as one of fewer than 800 patients from around the world in it. The process will take two years to yield results.

"We tell him he's like Iron Man," says Nick. "I don't want him to think he's not as good as everyone else. I don't want him to think he's special — everyone is special — but (he's) like Iron Man . . . different."

Miracle transplant gives him a chance

When 6-week-old's liver fails, his aunt comes to the rescue

HEATHER GREENWOOD DAVIS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

PORT HOPE—Bronson Anthony is a superhero. It's hard to see it now that his powers are masked behind big bouncing curls, bright blue eyes and rose-tinged cheeks.

You have to look past the toothy grin and the way he throws one leg up over his armchair in the living room, almost mocking his parents as they refer to this as a "very hard time" in their lives.

To see his strength, you can't be distracted by the chirpy "Hi!" he greets newcomers with, or the way he can be mesmerized by Lightning McQueen on the TV screen.

Instead, ask him to do what all 23-month-olds love to do: Show you his belly.

That's where you'll find the tell-tale, semi-circle incision that crosses his body and marks this as a little boy who has faced cancer, a failing liver and certain death when he was only days old.

Bronson was born with many tumors. The collection in his abdomen and on his adrenal glands distorted his tiny body so much, it restricted his lungs.

He was rushed from Cobourg to SickKids by air ambulance. "We didn't even get to hold him," says his mother, Angela, 27. "Right away, the doctors started trying to figure out what was wrong."

The diagnosis of infant neuroblastoma didn't immediately cause grave concern, explains Dr. Sylvain Baruchel, associate staff oncologist at the hospital. "In very young babies, most of the time the outcome will be favourable, if not good, and, sometimes, without any specific treatment, the tumor will regress."

But the location of Bronson's tumours demanded action. At just 4 days old, he began chemotherapy and radiation.

The treatment worked. Within days, the tumours began to shrink. But the relief was short-lived as a new problem arose.

Bronson's liver was failing. At 20 days old, he needed a transplant to survive. Doctors believed that, without one, he wouldn't live two months.

Neither Angela nor Jon could be donors — she because she was just six weeks postpartum, he because of his own chemotherapy treatments in 2007.

Volunteers came forward, but backed out when they learned that, despite the fact up to 70 per cent of a live liver can be donated and will grow back in weeks, it is also a painful operation.

Hopes were raised and dashed. Salvation came from Sarah Beth Nettleship, Angela's 21-year-old sister.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORONTO STAR

Bronson Anthony with his aunt and life-saving liver donor Sarah Beth Nettleship.

"You instantly fall in love. You would do absolutely anything you could to save or help that baby in any way," says Nettleship, whose blood type was a match.

Today, she, too, bears a scar. The line that runs from her breast bone to her belly button is a source of pride.

"I'd do it again if I could. It's an honour. It's a battle wound. I can say I saved a life."

Medication for ADHD helped teen stay thin — too thin

Childhood eating disorders kill as many kids as leukemia

ELVIRA CORDILEONE
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Caleigh Wallace Brophy has torn a room apart, upended tables and been kicked out of SickKids, all for refusing to eat.

Caleigh, 18, started having problems with eating in Grade 6. Within two years, it became life-threatening. By then, she'd shot up to five-foot-two, but weighed just 98 pounds and had an irregular heartbeat.

At SickKids, a team of specialists help children like Caleigh reclaim their lives. Dr. Cathleen Steinegger, head of the eating disorders program, says the conditions kill as many children as leukemia.

About 90 per cent of people who develop eating disorders are female. Steinegger estimates it kills 20 per cent of them.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORONTO STAR

Now 18, Caleigh Wallace Brophy says intensive program turned her life around.

Caleigh started treatment at SickKids in 2009, when she was 15.

"I put up a pretty big fight," she recalls. "I had to sit there and deal with my anxiety. I felt naked, exposed, and had to talk about things I didn't want to talk about."

The treatment required Caleigh to eat three meals and two snacks each day.

"Before the treatment, I had a cup of orange juice, a piece of toast with peanut butter, no lunch and I'd throw up dinner. That was every day," she says.

Between meals, program participants take cognitive behavior group therapy. Other sessions deal with body image and the health effects of starvation.

Caleigh's mother says her daughter's ordeal began with the early onset of puberty. She reached her full height before she finished elementary school, and classmates made fun of her.

Caleigh also suffered from attention-deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD), which contributed to poor marks.

She is also prone to depression and anxiety. As a 6th-grader, she attempted suicide, which led to two years of counselling and a prescription for Concerta, a drug to help her deal with the ADHD. However, the drug suppressed her appetite and caused her to lose weight.

"I started lying about how the medication made me feel, so I could keep upping the dose and use it as a diet pill," she says.

In high school, classmates envied and praised her extreme thinness. She recalls thinking: "If I'm fat, no one will love me. If I eat, I'll get fat. Therefore, eating is bad."

Even though she sought help from a pediatrician, a psychiatrist and a counsellor, her health failed to improve.

"This is a disease that needs intensive treatment by specialists," Steinegger says, adding the SickKids program has a success rate of about 75 per cent.

Caleigh is much better now. "My younger years were really rough, but I feel I'm stepping into adulthood on the right foot."

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Little Boots — whose real name is Victoria Hesketh — decided to take creative control with her sophomore album after being dropped by Atlantic Records. GETTY IMAGES

Little Boots ready to make a big impression

Nocturnes. The diminutive singer is back with a new album of pop songs she calls 'representative of me'

It's been four years since the electro-pop artist Little Boots bopped her way onto the music scene with her debut album Hands. After being dropped by Atlantic Records, the singer — whose real name is Victoria Hesketh — decided to take creative control with her sophomore album Nocturnes.

The 28-year-old talked to Metro about her new record, going "crazy" and wearing LED-synced costumes.

Your new album is called Nocturnes. What did you do last night?
Last night, I was rehearsing until God-knows-when and I came back and I was programming more synthesizers and stuff for the live show — I've been up crazy time all week. It's been really full-on.

Why did you go for a darker sound on your new album?
My favourite pop songs are always kind of shiny, but there's a kind of darkness underneath and I wanted to create that nighttime edginess.

It feels less commercial than Hands. Would you agree?
Um, yes, definitely in some ways. I've not been worrying about what's on the radio or what's in the chart or trying to copy or compete with that. Last time, I had a song in the Top 10 and that's what we were really going for — but people didn't really know much about me. This is about making an album that's representative of me — but they're still big pop songs at heart.

You've worn some pretty left-field costumes. What do you have in store for fans?
Well, we've got some outfits with sequins and beetle shells by a designer called Sorapol and vintage '70s diva dresses that complement the record, with some big ol' earrings. And we're actually working on a light-up dress made from an LED fabric and it's going to be synced to our track, so you'll see the lyrics in graphic form.

Is it important to create a complete audio-visual experience?
Definitely a whole experience. It's not just a singer you're buying into — it's a whole world. It needs to be visual to make sense, especially with electronic music. Otherwise it's just a bunch of dudes standing behind a keyboard and it's pretty boring!

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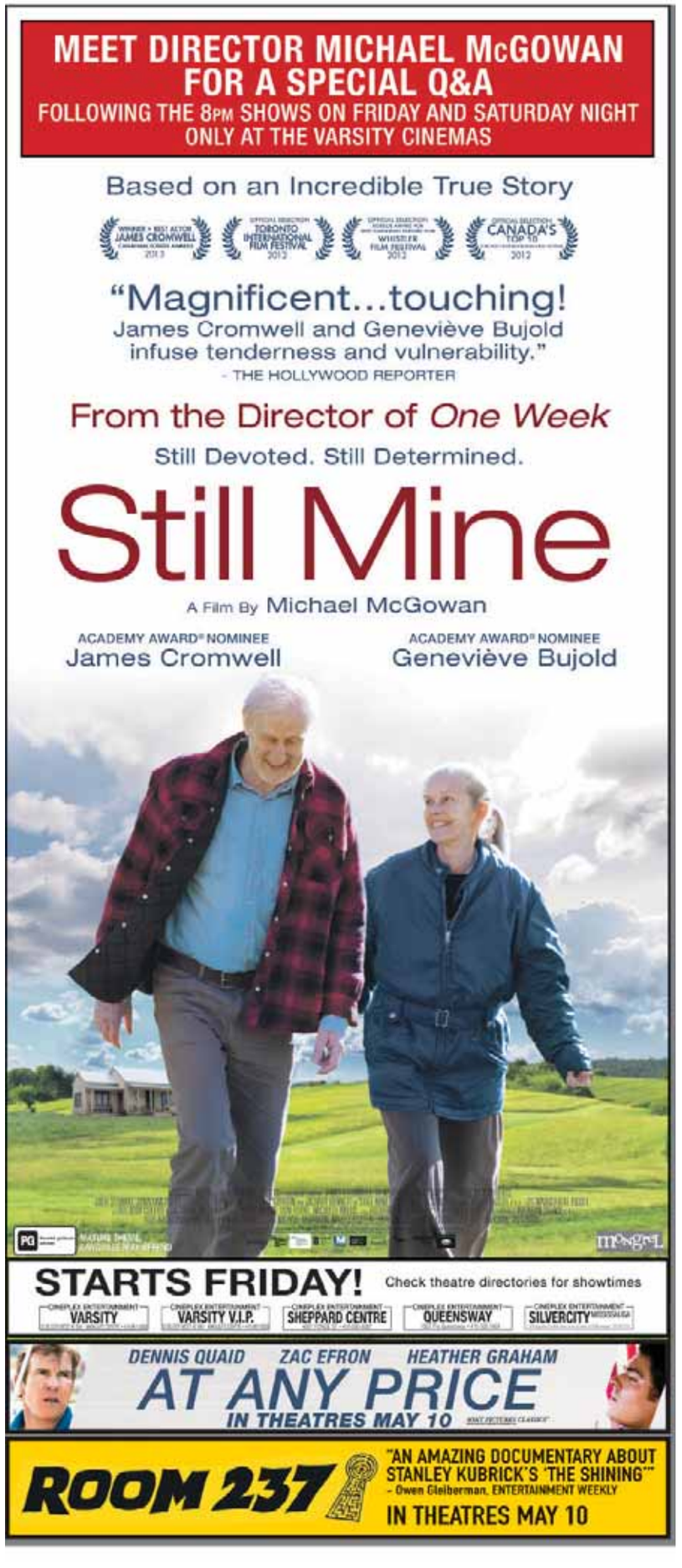
Singer Little Boots, on why it's especially important for electronic musicians to create a complete audio-visual experience.



Bat-like singer drew from 'very dark' times to give Deerhunter's latest offering added edge

Monomania. Lead man's late boozy nights played their part, as did his vast collection of 600 songs

Bradford Cox wrote what would become the final track of Deerhunter's forthcoming album, a song called Punk, at a friend's house in New York during what he describes as a very difficult time. He'd gone north to get away from personal turmoil in his hometown of Atlanta, taking few items other than a borrowed leather jacket.

Before work could start on the album, the band faced more difficulty — the departure of its longtime bassist Josh Fauver — which made Cox fear the band would break up.

It did not, but Cox still wound up playing a melodic bass line on Punk during recording sessions earlier this year. The reason for the extra duties wasn't personnel-related. "I played a lot of stuff on that song, but that's only because the demo is so confusing because I was drunk when I made it," he said during an interview at his house in Atlanta. "I was in character for that song."

The smouldering, propulsive track was part of a burst of songwriting within the past two years that Cox says resulted from "very dark" things that he declined to explain further. These songs form the bulk of Monomania, the band's fifth full-length album due to be released on May 7.

Anticipation for the album was goosed by a performance of the noisy title track in early April on Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, which was analyzed on more than a dozen music blogs under headlines describing it as "brilliant, bizarre." The band's past two albums also each landed near the top of year-end lists.

Cox, who turns 31 on May 15, said the band had been doing all-night rehearsals to prepare for a string of tour dates around the Southeast before they head to Europe for club shows and festivals. The day of the interview, they'd practiced until 7 a.m. and Cox had awakened not long before a reporter showed up in the late afternoon.

"I sleep all day. That's what I do," he said. "I'm like a bat."

The new album is a collage of elements familiar to Deerhunter fans — cacophony interspersed with tunefulness, guitar tones that range from scratchy to soothing and vocals that occasionally dissolve into distortion.

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Batman sings

"I sleep all day, that's what I do. I'm like a bat."

Bradford Cox, lead singer of Deerhunter
On what his creative life is like

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Kelly Osbourne loses her cool with interviewer

Kelly Osbourne isn't the easiest person to interview, at least according to Daily Telegraph reporter Joel Christie, who's spilling about a particularly tense chat with the reality star. "The conversation didn't start well. She called me 'presumptuous' for calling her rumoured fiancé her fiancé," Christie reports, adding that Osbourne got testy pretty quickly. "You are trying to f—ing turn this around and get s— on my family, aren't you?" she reportedly scolded him. Christie remains miffed: "It's pretty vexing when you're screamed at for spurious reasons."

The Word

Why Jennifer's latest dress has us whispering and wondering

THE WORD
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Oh man. Jennifer Aniston. What are you doing to us? How in the world can you show up to an event in what has been alternately described as a "billowy," "loose," "definitely maternity" dress? What does this mean?! Of course, it could just be that the actress is wearing a loose-fitting dress at the book launch party for Mandy Ingber's Yogalosophy: 28 Days to the Ultimate Mind-Body Makeover and we are all jumping to conclusions. And honestly, if I were Jennifer Aniston, I'd wear dresses like this until the day I die just to continuously mess with the minds of the baby-hungry public at large.

But! It seems like the actress has moved her wedding date and she's passing the blame to Brad Pitt (ex-husbands are always good scapegoats). She doesn't want to overlap with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's rumoured wedding this summer, according to Us Weekly. "She does not want her day associated with them," a source says, adding that when Aniston first heard of Pitt's planned wedding date she considered moving her wedding to Justin Theroux up to take place before it, but her fiancé talked her out of that idea. "Justin got weirded out by all the rushing." Aniston has now reportedly put her wedding plans completely on hold. "Nothing has happened on that front in a month," the source says.

Maybe that's because she's pregnant?! Or not. Only time, and more billowy dresses, will tell.

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Lindsay Lohan

Prison sentence looms for Lindsay Lohan if she fails to show for rehab stint

Today's the day that Lindsay Lohan has to report for 90 days of court-ordered rehab, though at press time no facility had been chosen yet, according to E! News. If she doesn't check in somewhere she will be "required to show up to court on Thursday with her lawyer in L.A.," a source says. "If Lohan does not comply with the judge's order, that would be a violation of probation that could land her in jail." But one thing's at least for sure: Lohan won't be blogging about the experience while she's locked up, despite a report that she'd be using her personal website to chronicle her rehab. "She will not be blogging from rehab, but she does plan to have her own space on the web where she can talk about her passions," another source says. "She wants a place to discuss her love of fashion, music, art and her unique sense of style. She wants to be able to connect to her fans directly."

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Multi-task makeup: a miracle or a marketing scheme?

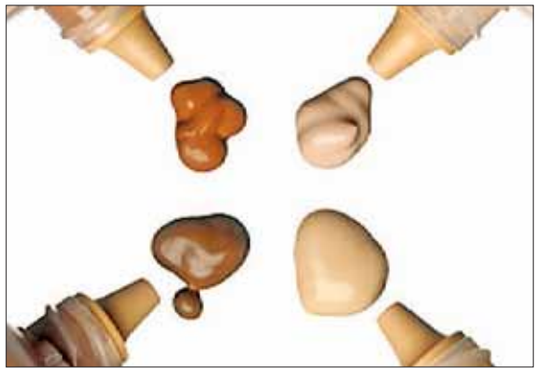
She's all that?
Alphabet skin care is surfacing not only on swanky beauty counters but also in drugstore makeup aisles. But are the multi-function creams really improving your skin or merely clogging your pores? We take a look at the pros and cons

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

By now you've probably seen, tried or become addicted to all-in-one BB creams, which promise to protect, hydrate and perfect your skin while covering your spots.

"Having a product do it all was a first in the world of cosmetics, where the colour and function of the formula usually comes first and the treatment benefits take a back seat," Kerri Bender, manager of global product development at Smashbox Cosmetics says.

And maybe you're excited to get into CC creams, which arrived this spring and are meant to even out skin tone, reduce dark spots and enhance skin radiance through optics and coverage.



Now, the beauty industry is in a frenzy over the first ever DD cream, due to hit stores in June. Produced by Julep, it will target age spots, fine lines and, yes, cover flaws.

But are all of these multi-taskers yielding results?

"To me they're marketing hype," says Mary Schook, a New York based celebrity facialist and makeup artist. "What's good about all of this is that it forced the industry to work on building better foundations. Because we haven't seen such a shift in the industry since Bobbi Brown first introduced yellow to foundation colours," Schook adds. She and Bender help us look at the pros and cons.

Face the facts

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Celebrity facialist and makeup artist.

CONS — Mary Schook

Clogged pores

"BB creams contain so many different ingredients that the skin can't handle, such as silicone and avobenzone, which cause breakouts. BB creams are supposed to have sunscreen and avobenzone is the popular ingredient in that, hence the acne. And the silicone in BB creams create a veil over the skin that doesn't allow it to breathe. It feels like it's breathing, but it's a false thing. It's creating a barrier that's not allowing the skin to perspire the way that it should. That's what is trapping the bacteria."

Heightened sensitivity

"CC creams do give a glow to the skin. But when you have a product that claims to colour correct, the way CC creams do, you have to worry about skin character because you're taking away things that protect the skin cells. When the cells want to cause any kind of pigmentation, it's the body trying to protect itself. If you take away all of that pigmentation, or the ability for the body to do that, then the body cannot defend itself."

PROS — Kerri Bender

A simpler makeup routine

"BBs are the baseline. You don't have to be a makeup junkie to use one. If you're looking for an all-in-one product, something that is going to prime, perfect, protect, hydrate and control oil, then it's the right one for you."

They mix well with your other products

"Both BB and CC creams work for any skin type. If you require a little more hydration, use your BB or CC cream in conjunction with your moisturizer. And if you have problems with shine, you can top off your BB or CC with a finishing powder."

Julep DD Crème
$36,
julep.com

Smashbox CC Crème
$42,
smashbox.com

Dior Hydra Life BB Crème
$56,
dior.com

Stylish stars give classic shoes an attitude adjustment

Camilla Belle sports a two-tone Ferragamo Vara shoe in white and beige.
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Fashion by the foot. Ferragamo hands the reigns over to young icons of today

When Salvatore Ferragamo wanted to reboot its classic Vara shoe style, it turned to young tastemakers and asked them to put their spin on it.

The shoes, with their signature grosgrain bow, gold hardware and mid-height heel, ended up similar to the original; it's the attitude they're worn with that has changed.

Olivia Palermo created a two-tone blue shoe for strolls through Paris, and Camilla Belle made hers in beige patent leather with a crisp white ribbon to wear with an ethereal peach-coloured garden party dress. Alexandra Richards went for black on black. She said she'd wear them "with tight blue or black jeans, a T-shirt and my leather jacket."

Definitely, no stuffy skirt suits here.

To show the 35-year-old shoes — and their younger, flat-heel sister the Varina — in this new light, Ferragamo launched an online project called L'Icona on the brand's website .

Portrait photographer Claiborne Swanson Frank was the curator and art director for the project, which incorporates a short film and still photographs of Richards, Belle, Palermo and their fashion-forward peers, including Lily Aldridge and Elettra Weidemann.

Frank, who created the book American Beauty, usually uses the signature of bare feet in her pictures, so this is a bit of an inside joke.

"Both Vara and Varina are frequently worn by young fashion girls, models and celebrities around the world, so we decided to choose 20 VIP international style icons that embody the inherently chic spirit of the shoe and the timeless modernity of our brand," said James Ferragamo, director of women's leather goods.

Ferragamo is also taking orders for custom-designed Varas from its shoppers, who can make their own colour combinations and fabric choices.

Customization is the wave of the future, and it won't be long until everything is personalized, Richards said.

But that doesn't mean throwing out the classics.

"Classic means originality to me, the first and the best," she said.

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Trends Report

- **It finally feels like spring, so why not give your hair a makeover to celebrate the warmer weather?** From permanent hair dyes to hair mascara and shadows, head to Trends Report (metronews.ca/voices/trends-report) to see how you can add a splash of bold colour to your tresses.

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What she's wearing
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Her inspiration
"Basic layering. I like being warm and comfortable."

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Shepherd's Pie goes meatless and Mexican with quinoa as its star

Ingredients

- 1 kg (2 lb) sweet potatoes, scrubbed well and pierced all over with a fork
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil, plus extra for greasing casserole dish
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground cumin
- 1 can (540 ml/19 oz) black beans (no salt added), well rinsed and drained
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked quinoa made with water
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen corn (no need to thaw)
- 250 ml (1 cup) mild or medium salsa, deli-style
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light sour cream
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped cilantro
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper (optional)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) thinly sliced green onion or chopped cilantro, for garnish (optional)

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Bake sweet potatoes for 60 minutes or until tender. Alternatively, microwave at high for 8 to 12 minutes. Let cool until easy to handle.

2. Lightly grease a 2-l (8 cups) baking dish with canola oil or line with wet parchment paper (makes cleanup a breeze). Set aside.

3. In a large soup pot or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, red pepper, garlic and cumin. Cook, stirring often, for 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in black beans, cooked quinoa, corn and salsa until well combined. Remove from heat.

4. Pour into prepared pan. If you used a microwave to cook sweet potatoes, at this point heat oven to 180 C (350 F).

5. Meanwhile, cut cooled sweet potatoes in half and scrape out flesh. Discard skins. Mash sweet potato well with sour cream. Stir in cilantro. Season with pepper, if desired.

6. For a rustic look, spoon sweet potato mixture over quinoa mixture in heaping teaspoonfuls. (If you like more conformity, spoon on and spread out.)

7. Bake for 30 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. Sprinkle top of casserole with green onion, if using.

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Mexi Meatless Shepherd's Pie

This recipe makes 1.5 l (6 cups). THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Cookbook of the Week

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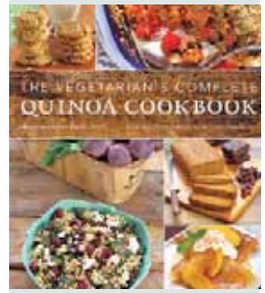

Quinoa, one of the most popular superfoods, gets the spotlight in The Vegetarian's Complete Quinoa Cookbook by the Ontario Home Economics Association. The release boasts more than 125 recipes, many of which are gluten free, contributed by professional home economists. Every recipe includes a nutritional profile and is less than 500 calories.

Among specific recipes are: African Peanut Soup with Red Quinoa, Goat Cheese, Red Pepper and Spinach Quiche, Dark Chocolate Pudding Cake.

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Granny's farmhouse tabletop trend

Decor. Using mix-and-match tableware pieces a trend

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For most of my adult life I have tried to veer away from anything remotely familiar to my mother or grandmother's decor styles.

Recently, I was shopping at a consignment shop and found a set of scallop-edged toile dessert plates. Not sure what I was going to do with them, I purchased them and decided to make them work at my next dinner party.

While mixing old and new is a huge trend, I figured I had my work cut out for me to incorporate them into a trendsetting table scape.

Recently, the look of farmhouse style has shown up at many home decor retail stores. This mix-and-match of humbly-worn objects can allow us to create a trendy table scape by combining our old dishes with this charming style — perfect for casual summer entertaining.

It's a table top that I think any modern grandmother would appreciate.

Fog wine glass

Hand-made, chunky and smoky make for a casual way to enjoy wine. $5, crateandbarrel.com

Placemat

Create the look of a worn table without waiting 100 years. Add textured placemats made of heavy, durable vinyl. Natural Effects Driftwood Placemat, $7, bedbathandbeyond.ca

Charger plate

Incorporate a level of formality to your table without making it feel overly traditional. Silver-Plated Charger Plate, $45, potterybarn.com

Silver-plated flatware

Look like you've "collected" cutlery from your many visits to fancy hotels. Sheffield Heirloom Silver-Plated Flatware, $145, potterybarn.com

Candle holders

Trend colours pulled from my vintage dishes help to contemporize a table. Recycled Glass Curvas Candle Holders, $29 to $39, urbanbarn.com

Bracket dinner plate

A silhouette of curves with the drama of dark grey help add a modern touch to a place setting. $6, cb2.com

Salad plate

Dig up something vintage from Granny's china cabinet and use it to inspire a table setting. Avon Cottage Scalloped Salad Plate, $20, ofthingspast.com

Platter

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6 Ways to use Scandinavian style in your spring decor

Speckled Blooms curtain

The light and airy Speckled Blooms cotton curtain features a hyacinth repeat in blue and green on white. Pair it with a few painted furniture pieces and a striped rag rug in similar hues, and you're off to a great Scandi-style start. anthropologie.com

Ikea Isala table

An airy, pared-down version of neoclassical design was the hallmark of 18th century Gustavian design, which has become popular outside of Sweden in the last 20 years. Ikea's Isala side table is a great example, in clean white or forget-me-not blue.

Amora duvet cover

An Amora duvet cover features a South American decorative motif that echoes those of Scandinavian country design. The bright colours of the embroidery are appealing, and the white background is typical of Scan-design. anthropologie.com

Perhaps to alleviate the dreariness of long northern winters, Scandinavian style tends toward folk-art florals, crisp checks, plaids and stripes and wood furniture left natural or painted in colours that evoke the region's natural beauty. The look is casual and easy, with playful touches and a simple yet refined vibe. If all that sounds appealing as you shake off winter's gloom, you'll find many pretty, Scandinavian-inspired decor options for spring.

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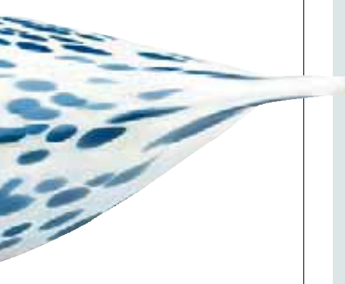
Fesi throw pillows

Fesi pillows from the Philadelphia-based design house Mushmina feature a Moroccan-embroidered pattern, yet look like a snowflake or ski haus motif. Pillows are a quick and easy way to introduce Scandinavian design elements.

Glass birds

Also at finnstyle.com, find Oiva Toikka's plump little glass birds, like the Mediator Dove, made by the Finnish glass house Iittala.



Keisarinna Fabric pattern

Erja Hirvi's Keisarinna fabric for Marimekko, with pink magnolia blossoms and branches scattered on cream. Available at finnstyle.com.

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President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

For the past 33 years, our association has celebrated quality in construction, design, sales and marketing by holding an annual awards ceremony that recognizes the best of the best in the GTA. This Friday I had the chance to lead my first such event, which was made even better by the amount of quality nominations this year.

After reviewing more than 1,100 submissions, our esteemed panel of judges selected winners in 48 distinct categories that highlighted the various aspects of developing, marketing and building a new residential community in the GTA.

Tridel was awarded the prestigious Home Builder of the Year for its focus on quality, superior customer service, innovation and commitment to green building, industry leadership and partnerships, and contributions to the community.

The award is based on quality, service and customer commitment from the moment the agreement of purchase and sale is signed right through to post-closing service period. A key component of the judging process is a customer satisfaction survey, completed by recent occupants of the builder's communities.

"I am very satisfied with the overall process from purchase to closing," wrote one homeowner. "I had a very positive experience as the quality of the building materials and workmanship is excellent while communication from the builder was timely and frequent."

Other homeowners praised Tridel for the professionalism of its staff and the frequent communication, which included seminars to help understand the process.

Other pinnacle awards included the development-oriented Place to Grow Community of the Year — an award that focuses on community planning and design in the context of the provincial Places to Grow legislation. Centro Square Condos by Liberty Developments was deemed to best represent smart growth and urban principles by meeting provincial targets, encouraging the use of public transit and maximizing environmental preservation.

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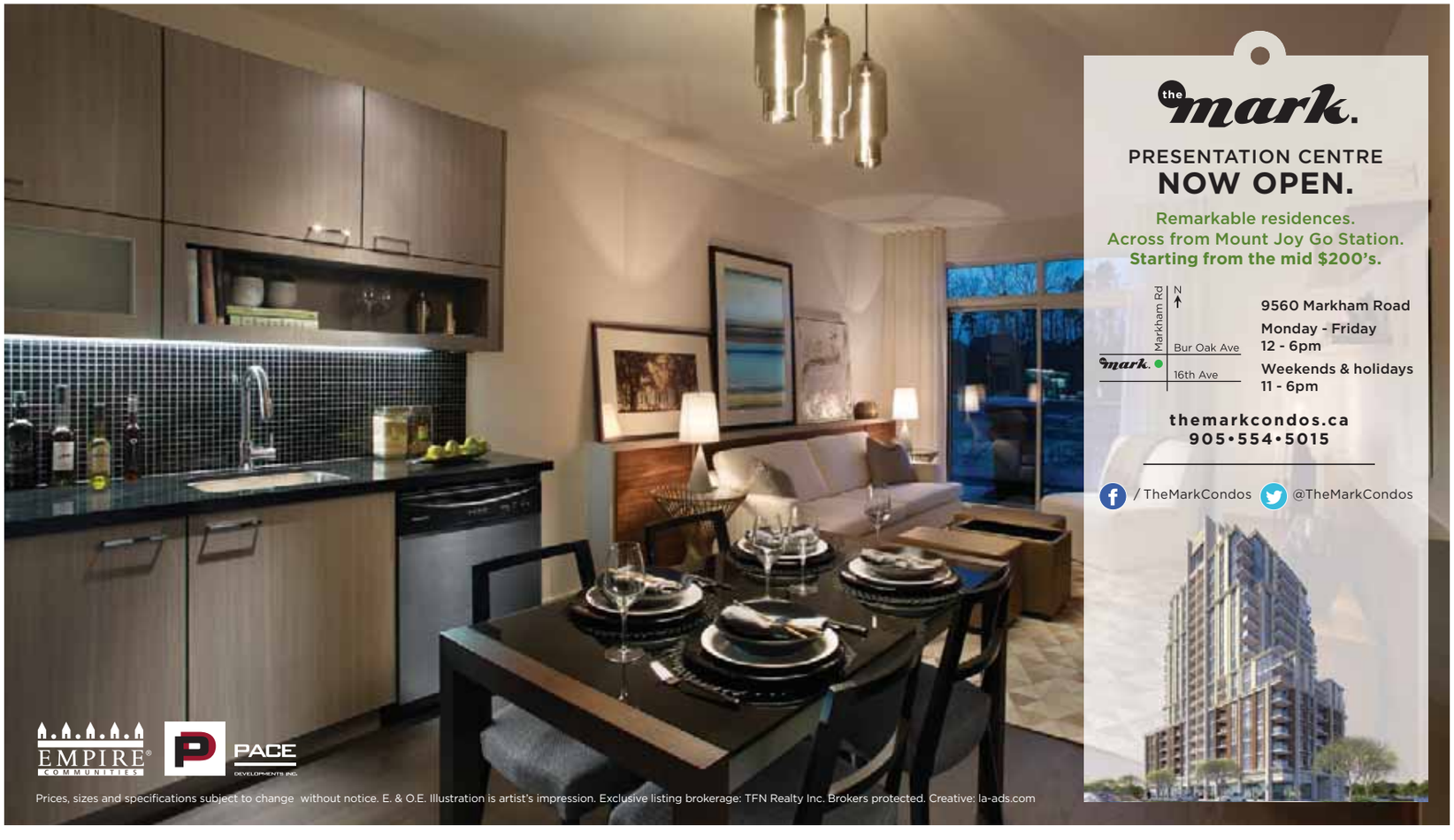

In-demand loft spaces setting sales records

Warehouse watch?
The unique spaces, both hard and soft lofts, are a rare find

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Downtown loft living invokes images of über-cool, open-concept studio spaces with lots of rough-hewn timbers and exposed brick, quite a different experience from a tiny condo unit.

In the loft business, it's important to make the distinction between hard and soft lofts.

Hard lofts are conversions of older commercial and industrial spaces like warehouses, factories and churches into unique residential living spaces. There's a growing demand for these hard-to-find authentic abodes, commanding lofty prices, as they only represent a small sector of the market.

Soft lofts are architecturally designed condominiums which mimic a lot of the same features of the older buildings like the high ceilings and big windows. They appeal to home owners who want that loft experience with the convenience of a condo, maybe in a better neighbourhood.

Lofts are great alternative for small business and are popular with the creative industries. Many residential lofts are zoned for live-work, permitting the operation of low-traffic, light, office-oriented enterprises.

Some developers will build on top of an existing vintage structure. Heikki Walden is a principal in the high-performance sales team of loft specialists at the Camber Walden Group, part of Sutton Group Associates.

"What we're seeing is kind of a hybrid. Let's say we have a four-storey original factory or warehouse but the developer actually has permission to build six or seven storeys. They'll add the architecturally designed component on top of the hard loft," says Walden. "So it'll be this kind of hybrid mix. You see the first four floors all brick and beam and then when you go to the fifth floor, all of a sudden it's drywall and concrete."

According to Walden, when analysts talk about a slowdown in the condo market, it doesn't apply to unique loft properties. These are hotly in demand and are setting sales records.

"We had two listings in one building called The Merchandise Lofts earlier this year. One of the lofts was just over 600 square feet and set a new, all-time sales price record for a one-bedroom loft in the building."

The lesson to learn from this is that in any loft building, you can have units that suit many different purposes: "Some lofts are bargains due to their large size and low price per square foot, and some are prized trophies due to their amazing views and cathedral-like ceilings filled with oceans of light," says Walden.

The Merchandise Lofts was once a Sears warehouse. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

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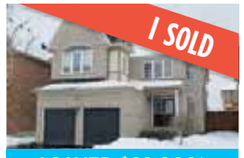

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Unusual buying situation

I am a real estate representative and I have been working with a client who is scheduled to purchase a new condo from a developer. I have just received news that he is detained in his country of origin and has had his passport taken. He cannot make it back to Canada to close the transaction and risks losing his deposits because he cannot close the transaction. What can we do?

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This is a somewhat unusual situation. Firstly, I would inquire if your client could execute a Power of Attorney so that someone here could close on his behalf. This approach presents specific problems around mortgages. Most banks will not allow Powers of Attorney to be used when you are purchasing a property (especially if you are a foreign purchaser). However, if the property was not being financed, it could be workable.

Not to be outdone, perhaps you as the purchaser's agent could find a prospective buyer who would be willing to assign the agreement to a new buyer. You would need the consent of the builder for this, but this might be the most logical conclusion to a situation that normally requires the physical presence of the purchaser in your lawyer's office.

Follow Jeff Cowan on Twitter @Cowan_Law or on the website at cowanlaw.ca

Opposites attract, and other secrets of the colour wheel

Into the yard. Long a companion for artists, the colour wheel can also be a handy tool for gardeners

Gardening author Sydney Eddison created a wheel that has 252 colours instead of the usual 12. That's because nature doesn't work with a limited palette, she says.

"In nature you have already been dealt this hand. You only have to learn how to play it," she says.

Even all of the tints, shades and tones in Eddison's The Gardener's Color Wheel don't capture the diversity of what's really growing out there. But she says it's a good way to start seeing colours in the garden and how they relate to each other.

"The colour wheel trains your eye to look, to really look," says Eddison, author of six books including The Gardener's Palette. "You begin to understand why certain things work, or why you like a Christmas wreath that's red and green and why you're happy to see purple and yellow crocuses together."

In both examples, the two colours are complementary — opposite each other on the colour wheel — and in colour theory, opposites attract.

In garden planning, colours are used to create either contrast or harmony, says Eddison, who has tended two and a half acres in Newtown, Conn., for half a century.

"Contrast calls attention to itself. It gives a jolt," says Eddison, 81. "Whereas harmony is a sigh of relief."

Colours adjacent on the colour wheel, such as the warm shades of red and orange or the cool tones of blue and green, create harmony together.

Take a colour wheel into the yard to parse out particular colours. Take it to the garden centre to help pick out plants for the summer.

Then play in the soil.

Eddison recommends experimenting with colour in pots on the terrace.

"Don't force a colour theme on the garden," she warns. "It has different colours at different times of the year."

Colour also changes throughout the day, depending on the light.

Eddison changes her patio pots every year, and paints her garden furniture to co-ordinate.

"Sometimes my colour schemes are a little wild. I had a Crayola colour scheme one year," she says. "People were blinded by it, but I loved it."

"The year that I did yellow, white and yellow-green, that was terrific," Eddison says. "And I painted the furniture yellow."

Look to fabrics or famous artwork (Monet's paintings, for example) for colour inspiration, she suggests.

Or simply trust nature, which turns out complementary colour combinations all its own, says Betina Fink, an oil painter who teaches colour theory in Tucson, Ariz.

"There are these beautiful, naturally occurring complementary colours," she says. During spring in the Southwest, for example, prickly pear cacti sport buds and blooms ranging from yellows to purples.

Jeni Webber, a Berkeley, Calif., landscape architect and Eddison's niece, also suggests taking nature's lead. Purple, yellow, white and soft pink constitute nature's palette in California fields, she says, and they look great together.

"Nature doesn't worry about things matching," says Webber. "But usually it does."

When planning a garden, remember that cool colours, such as blues and violets, recede, says Fink. Warm colours — reds, oranges and yellows — want to take centre stage. Green — nature's most abundant colour in many places — is "the great peacemaker," says Eddison.

"Green doesn't call attention to itself or vanish," Eddison says. "It helps harmonize all of the colour schemes."

An incompatible colour scheme can be softened by incorporating more soothing green foliage. In particular, grey and grey-green foliage helps blend colours.

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Train your eye

"You begin to understand why certain things work, or why you like a Christmas wreath that's red and green and why you're happy to see purple and yellow crocuses together."

Sydney Eddison, author of six books including The Gardener's Palette

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Adding light under your cabinets give it a subtle glow. ISTOCK IMAGES

Spruce up your kitchen for spring

DIY ideas. Brighten it up with a hint of colour, lighting and decor that gives your space a fresh look without breaking the bank

As the grey skies and dull days of winter are now behind us, give your kitchen a fresh facelift for the spring.

Get more economical and clever kitchen design ideas from I Hate My Kitchen on DIY Network Canada.

See the light

Installing lighting under kitchen cabinets can be an easy and inexpensive way to add a subtle glow and brighten up a room.

Low-voltage xenon lightbulbs are cost effective with a long life, and are a great way to enhance your counters and shelves.

This extra ray of light will help with food preparation while also creating a dramatic effect at night.

True colours

Add a splash of colour with affordable kitchen accents like vibrant storage boxes.

It's as easy as purchasing a few old wooden crates and spray painting them with vivid tones. These accent pieces can also be used to store extra dishes, utensils, cookbooks and any other items that need to be packed away.

Sticky situation

Create a fun design on your kitchen walls without calling in the painting professionals.

Wall decals come in a variety of colours and designs to suit different tastes. It's as easy as sticking the decal onto your wall and then just peeling it off when you're ready to move on to your next design.

Scratch the surface

Add texture to your kitchen walls with a unique backsplash using versatile materials such as salvaged wood scraps from an old cottage, photocopies of favourite recipes, or even a vintage vinyl tablecloth.

This serves as a budget-friendly and simple way to freshen up your kitchen space on a whim, without having to make any long-term decisions.

Out in the open

Create an open concept storage setting by stacking colourful dishes on uncovered shelves.

Bright and vibrant dishes can be so much more than just serving items for meals. They can also become beautiful displays to liven up your kitchen.

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Brighter days are on the way

Simple tips. Plants, window treatments and lighter fabrics can help bring springtime's new life into your living space

Preparing your home for warmer weather is easier than you think. To create a brighter, more organized home, try these simple tips from Sally Morse, director of creative services at Hunter Douglas, a leading name in custom window fashions:

Welcome in the natural light
Updating your window treatments is an uplifting and impactful decor change that can easily be made. New window fashions will not only look stylish and beautifully filter light for a glowing room, they will also provide unlimited practical benefits.

Morse suggests using Nantucket window shadings, a line that is streamlined and casual and also features soft fabric vanes suspended between two sheer facings. These allow you to have a view and, even with the vanes open, they filter up to 88 per cent of the sun's harmful UV rays.

Bring Nature In
As Mother Earth comes to life again, it's a great time to bring that life indoors with easy-to-maintain plants and flowers.

Additionally, to make your indoor and outdoor spaces feel seamless, use the same planters on your patio and entryway as in your foyer and kitchen. And don't forget about the flowers — add bouquets to spread a cheerful dose of colour around the home.

Lemony fresh
Appeal to all five of your senses this springtime. After your initial scrub and sorting and clearing of clutter, extend that fresh scent by adding a lemon-scented diffuser. They are a great way to bring a pleasing, calming scent into your home, while avoiding the potential danger of burning candles. Purchase the diffuser or try creating one affordably yourself.

Lighter linens
For a refresher that goes a long way, try brightening up the home with lighter fabrics. The update can awaken nearly every room from the living room, bedroom and bathroom to the kitchen. Swap out heavier, darker fabrics such as rugs, pillow covers and towels for lighter ones both in texture and colour. Top beds with a lightweight blanket, folding the comforter and placing it at the foot of the bed for chilly evenings.

With a little work and a few additions, you can happily enjoy the coming months with a clean, orderly, beautiful home.

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Make your indoor and outdoor spaces feel seamless by adding similar plants and flowers indoors. NEWS CANADA

Spring cleaning

"Split up the tasks into smaller ones so you stay focused and don't get lost in the process."

Sally Morse, director of creative services at Hunter Douglas

Don't get overwhelmed

If cleaning and clearing away clutter seems overwhelming, Morse has a simple trick to help calm your nerves.

- "Try setting the kitchen timer for 15 minutes per area like the bedroom closet, pantry or foyer. Just telling yourself you're going to de-clutter the home in one weekend sounds draining," she says. "Rather, split up the tasks into smaller ones so you stay focused and don't get lost in the process."

Nothing says warmer weather like a sun-soaked room, so be sure to create a livable one with new window shadings. NEWS CANADA

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Make your garden walls come alive by framing plants instead of paintings

Living pictures.
Cuttings of succulents woven together are all the rage among garden designers and landscapers

A living picture made with cryptanthus and neoregelia bromeliads, rhipsalis cactus, haworthia, hoya and peperomia. CAITLIN ATKINSON/FLORA GRUBB GARDENS/AP

Looking for a fresh way to liven up your garden walls? Think plants, not paintings.

Living pictures have caught on among designers and landscapers as an easy, modern way to add colour and texture to outdoor spaces. They are also nearly maintenance-free, so even beginners can look like the master gardener of their neighbourhoods.

Here's how you can create your own living succulent picture:

Pick your style
There are a few ways you can go: For a larger picture, use a wooden pallet, framing out the back like a shadow box. But going big right away can be daunting, so many newbies stick with smaller frames.

Go vintage with an antique frame or finish, or build your own out of local barn wood. Chunky, streamlined frames like the ones you can buy at Ikea give a more modern feel.

You'll also need a shadow box cut to fit the back of the frame, and wire mesh to fit over the front if you're going to make your own.

First, nail the shadow box to the back of the frame. Set the wire mesh inside and secure it with a staple gun, then nail a plywood backing to the back of the shadow box.

Take cuttings
Almost any succulent can be used for living pictures, but it's usually best to stick with varieties that stay small. Cut off small buds of the succulents for cuttings, leaving a stem of a quarter-inch long.

Make sure any old bottom leaves are removed, then leave the cuttings on a tray in a cool, shaded area for a few days to form a "scab" on the ends before planting.

Add soil
Set the frame mesh-side up and fill with soil, using your hands to push it through the mesh openings. Be sure to use cactus soil for better drainage.

Fill in with plants
Now comes the fun part. Lay out the cuttings in the design you want on a flat surface, and poke them into the wire mesh holes in your frame.

Cuttings of succulents arranged in a heart-shaped living picture. CAITLIN ATKINSON/FLORA GRUBB GARDENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You can start either in one corner or by placing the "focal point" cuttings in first and filling in around them. Waves or rivers of colour are popular living-picture designs, although using just one type of succulent is also a simple yet elegant option.

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Maintenance tips

Keep your art full of life

Keep the living picture flat and out of direct sunlight for one to two weeks to allow roots to form along the stems, then begin watering.

"If you hang it up right away or it rains a lot, that dirt will just pour right out," Lambton says.

Mount your living art once the succulents are securely rooted, which can take four to eight weeks depending on climate.

After that, water every seven to 10 days by removing from the wall and laying it flat. Be sure to let the water drain before hanging your living picture back up to avoid rotting.

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If you have room for a window, you have room for a garden

Convenient containers. Window boxes can deliver colour, edibles and fragrance — and they're practical, too

Sometimes the best view isn't what you see through a window, but what catches your eye underneath it.

Window boxes deliver colour, edibles and fragrance, and they elevate their contents to within easy reach.

"Window boxes are convenient containers," says David Trinklein, a horticulturist with University of Missouri Extension. "Plant them with herbs, for example, and you won't have to go outside to bring in the harvest."

Window boxes are ideal for small, shallow-rooted plants like radishes, lettuce, marigolds, pansies, begonias, parsley, basil, sage and thyme. "Mix and match flowers with vegetables," says Rhonda Ferree, an extension educator at the University of Illinois. "They need the same soil types and have the same water preferences."

The location of the window box usually dictates what you can grow, Trinklein says. "Window boxes that get a blistering afternoon sun require one thing. Window boxes in shade require another."

"There's nothing stopping window box gardeners from adding garden ornaments to their boxes," says Fern Richardson, author of Small Space Container Gardens. "Small gazing balls tucked between the plants can add a little sparkle to a shady area. Gardeners can even use short shepherd's hooks to plant a hummingbird feeder in a window box." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wind, weather, water

Be careful when watering window-box gardens, says Trinklein.

- "Most plants die from overwatering in containers, but window boxes can dry out quickly from exposure to wind and hot weather," he says. "Add a soilless medium like vermiculite or peat moss to the mix that drains well yet retains moisture and lightens their weight."

Primroses and daffodils spruce up a simple window box on an outbuilding display at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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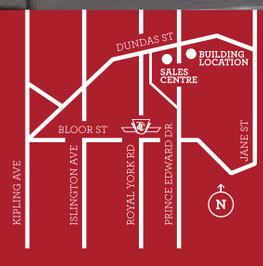

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"When presented with paint swatches, however, most people seem to like yellow — as long as it's called something other than yellow, that is," Tustin-Fuchs said. "Paint names like buttercup, vanilla and champagne are more attractive to consumers."

While all kinds of yellow shades adorn Canadian walls, studies show off-white yellows take top spot in our homes. Tustin-Fuchs offered these tips on how to pick the best shade of yellow for your rooms:

Sunny yellow: Infused with a tinge of orange, sunny yellow does wonders in lighting up a poorly-lit room. Try painting this bright shade on both walls and ceilings and it will appear to mimic sunlight — even on cloudy days.

Mellow yellow: Cream tones tinted with yellow create a relaxing retreat in any living space. Soft and light, earthy yellows warm up smaller spaces, like bathrooms and vestibules, without overwhelming them. Warm yellow is also a good option for a master bedroom.

Citrus yellow: Known to energize and increase the appetite, cheery lemon yellow is a good option for eating areas. Reflecting a high amount of light, this shade works well in any kitchen or as an accent wall in a dining area.

Banana yellow: Warm tropical yellows work particularly well with neutral or wood furnishings. Best used in a family room or living area, banana yellow emits a welcoming, upbeat feel that wraps a person in warmth.

"Simply put, yellow paint is sunshine in a can," Tustin-Fuchs said.

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If there is a glue to keep stashed in your back pocket as a home reno helper, Elmer's ProBond Advanced might just be it.

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Budget. Simple projects can lead to savings

Renovations aren't just about updating the design and comfort of your home or cottage, they can also be a great way to incorporate better approaches and sustainable technologies that cost very little, but lead to big savings.

It's often hard to know where to start when considering a green renovation. If you are considering a partial or full home renovation and want to go green, visit cagbc.org/greenhomes for a valuable list of resources, including local architects, advisers or contractors who are best qualified to help.

Here are some simple tips to get you thinking about renovating your space with an eye to saving — both money and the environment:

• Often in renovations you have the opportunity to fill uninsulated spaces to make them more energy efficient. To go green, consider rock wool or cellulose insulation. Both are available at most home renovation centres and contain recycled content, are made in Canada, and have the potential to reduce your monthly heating costs.

• The biggest single electricity user in an average gas-heated home is your refrigerator. While renovating a kitchen, consider recycling your old fridge (many utility companies will pick it up for free) and purchasing an Energy Star fridge. Choosing a smaller size will also reduce the monthly energy cost. Compare the EnerGuide rating that is listed on each fridge before you buy one — this will tell you which ones will save you the most energy and the most money.

• Reducing water use and hot water bills when renovating your bathroom is easy. Installing a low-flow or low-flow dual-flush toilet can reduce your water use by up to 25 per cent. A smart way to sort through what works best is to visit map-testing.com.

• Did you know showers use about 40 per cent of the hot water in your home? Installing the right low-flow shower head, especially one that is 1.75 gallons per minute (GPM) or less, will save you up to 30 per cent.

• When looking to replace or install new windows, look for those that are Energy Star rated for zone C or D. You could also consider installing casement windows, which tend to be less drafty as they age when compared to slider and double hung windows. **NEWS CANADA**

A fresh coat of paint can give your home an updated look and feel — and it doesn't have to cost a lot of money. DIGITAL VISION/THINKSTOCK

Choose 'smart' renovations

Many Canadians are interested in knowing the "smartest" household renovations to make to receive a good return on their investment. Although there are many variables that affect the value of a home, the Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC) offers these general tips to Canadian consumers.

1 Choose improvements with long life expectancy. Roofing, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, and windows can provide homeowners worry-free home improvements for as long as 10 to 15 years.

2 Invest in modern updates in high-traffic areas. Update the core rooms of your home such as the kitchen and bathroom. This can be as simple as changing door knobs, resurfacing cabinets, or replacing fixtures and countertops.

3 Don't underestimate the value of inexpensive updates. A fresh coat of paint, modern lighting fixtures, light landscaping or gardening, or upgraded door handles can give your home an updated look and feel — and it doesn't have to cost a lot of money.

4 Consider energy-efficient renovations that have a high return relative to cost. Energy-efficient renovations are considered one of the highest paybacks relative to cost.

5 Be careful about over-improvement. Consider your neighbourhood and the expectations of buyers in your area when planning your next renovation project.

6 Think about your personal needs. How much you spend on improvements will depend on how long you plan to live in your home. If you are thinking shorter term, smaller and less-expensive improvements may be your best bet to recover your investment.

7 Be sure to get a building/renovation permit. Take the time to obtain the proper building permits from your municipality or appropriate authority. This is a good step to ensuring that the renovation work complies with the building codes.

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SPORTS 4

Leafs feel sting of playoff hornet's nest

Black-and-yellow beatdown. After scoring first, Buds largely silent in return to post-season play

David Krejci had a goal and two assists as the Boston Bruins spoiled Toronto's long-awaited return to the NHL playoffs, scoring four unanswered goals to defeat the sloppy Maple Leafs 4-1 on Wednesday night.

The Bruins went behind early but clawed back into the game before a capacity crowd of 17,565 in yellow-and-black at TD Garden — Boston's 154th straight sellout. The experienced Bruins turned the screws on the Leafs, who were not at their best, as the game wore on.

The Leafs, whose return to the post-season may be short-lived if Game 1 was any indication, were hanging on for stretches of the third period.

Fans may have partied early in Toronto but last call was reserved for Bruins fans on this night.

Wade Redden, Nathan Horton and Johnny Boychuk also scored for Boston on a night where video review ratified one Bruins goal and disallowed two more.

Krejci, meanwhile, registered his 13th career multi-point playoff game in his 60th appearance in the post-season.

James van Riemsdyk scored for Toronto, whose big guns were silent.

The game pitted the fourth-seeded Bruins (28-14-6, 62 points) against the fifth-seeded Leafs (28-17-5, 57 points).

Their records this season may have been similar but the two teams have come from different hockey neighbourhoods.

It was Toronto's first appearance in the post-season since 2004 when the Leafs were beaten in six games by the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The Bruins, who won the Stanley Cup in 2011, were eliminated in the first round by the Washington Capitals last season.

The first period wasn't pretty, but grew in drama.

Toronto went ahead early on the power play as van Riemsdyk tucked a puck into an open net at 1:54.

The 35-year-old Redden tied it up at 16:20, squeezing a shot at a tight angle from the edge of the faceoff circle through James Reimer.

There was a turning point late in the period with Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf in the penalty box for slashing. Reimer did his bit, stopping one effort in spectacular fashion by making like a snow angel on his back in the crease. Van Riemsdyk raced up the ice and whipped a shot off the Boston crossbar.

The penalty was seven seconds from expiring when the Bruins fired back to make it 2-1 with Horton tipping in a Redden shot at 19:48. The Leafs never recovered.

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Bruins forward Nathan Horton redirects the puck past Maple Leafs goalie James Reimer with 12 seconds remaining in the first period to make it 2-1 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-final series on Wednesday night. Boston was dominant from that point on en route to a 4-1 win at home. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Game 1

Bruins	Maple Leafs
4	1

Bad ring to it

22

Going into Game 1, 15 players on the current Leafs 25-man roster had never seen playoff action. Boston entered the series with 1,273 games of playoff experience on its roster and 22 players have Stanley Cup rings.

NHL

Penguins live up to top contender status in Game 1

Pascal Dupuis scored twice, Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves and the top-seeded Pittsburgh Penguins opened the playoffs with a 5-0 romp over the New York Islanders on Wednesday night.

Beau Bennett, Kris Letang and Tanner Glass also scored for the Penguins, who had no trouble against the upstart Islanders even with star Sidney Crosby sidelined by a broken jaw. Pittsburgh hardly needed its captain to continue its mastery of the Islanders, who made their first playoff appearance since 2007.

The Penguins, the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, beat Evgeni Nabokov four times in the game's first 22 minutes, including goals by Letang and Dupuis 32 seconds apart early in the second period to send Nabokov to the bench after he stopped just 11 shots.

Kevin Poulin came on in relief and surrendered a soft goal to Glass.

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The Penguins celebrate Tanner Glass's goal during Game 1 against the Islanders on Wednesday night in Pittsburgh. GETTY IMAGES

Buzz kill: BoSox go yard five times in rout of Jays

Red Sox first baseman Mike Napoli hits a three-run home run against the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Buchholz earns majors-leading sixth win with another lights-out performance

Boston's Clay Buchholz turned in another brilliant start and Mike Napoli hit two home runs as the Red Sox crushed the Toronto Blue Jays 10-1 on Wednesday night.

Stephen Drew, Daniel Nava and Mike Carp also homered for the Red Sox, who lead the major leagues with a 19-8 record. Buchholz (6-0) allowed just two singles over seven shutout innings, lowering his earned-run average to 1.01.

The right-hander walked three and had eight strikeouts, throwing 66 of his 101 pitches for strikes. Buchholz leads the major leagues with six victories on the season.

Napoli put the game away with his second home run of the game. He hit a three-run shot in Boston's four-run seventh inning and the rout was on at Rogers Centre.

The Blue Jays, last in the American League East at 10-18, scored their lone run in the eighth when Brett Lawrie of Langley, B.C., tripled to score Maicer Izturis.

Having already crushed a no-doubt blast to deep centrefield in the fourth off of Toronto starter Mark Buehrle, Napoli stepped up to the plate in the seventh inning against reliever Esmil Rogers and swatted a three-run monster into the third deck in left-centre to make it 8-0.

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On Wednesday

10	1
Red Sox	Blue Jays

NBA

Free agent Collins faces big test after coming out

The coming-out part is over. Now Jason Collins needs a job.

Collins' announcement that he was a gay athlete in a major sport won overwhelming support from players, coaches and executives — even a phone call from the president.

But it also came after the season ended for the seven-foot centre.

The 34-year-old becomes a free agent on July 1 — meaning he will first have to sign with a team and wait till next season to see if teammates, coaches, opponents and fans will treat him any differently.

"It's not like he's under contract next year and guaranteed to go back to a team," said Brooklyn Nets veteran Jerry Stackhouse, who has called Collins a friend for years.

"I think once that happens, then public opinion or whatever or players' opinion will start to loom a little larger then. But right now we've got the summer to kind of digest what has happened, and I'm pulling for him."

Perhaps only when he starts seeing offers from teams will he get an idea of what coming out will mean for his career. He only played in 38 games last season — his 12th year in the NBA — with averages of 1.1 points, 1.6 rebounds and 10.1 minutes per game for Boston and Washington.

He may not be an all-star, but he has built a career by being a big, smart, physical player who can come off the bench and help defend some of the few remaining dominant centres in the league.

And seven-footers in basketball are like left-handed pitchers in baseball — hard to find and can hang around forever if they stay in shape.

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Time will tell

"I think the real response will be once he gets a job."

Brooklyn Nets veteran Jerry Stackhouse on Jason Collins' recent announcement that he is gay

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Dazed Toronto FC crumpled by Impact

Impact striker Daniele Paponi celebrates his goal while a dejected Toronto defender Doneil Henry reacts during 2013 Amway Canadian Championship semifinal action in Montreal on Wednesday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer.

Toronto routed 6-0 by Montreal in Canadian Championship 2nd leg

Marco Di Vaio came on as a substitute and scored twice to lead Montreal to a 6-0 win over Toronto FC on Wednesday night as the Impact advanced to the 2013 Amway Canadian Championship final, 6-2 on aggregate.

Di Vaio replaced Daniele Paponi 38 minutes in and scored Montreal's third goal of the first half in the 44th minute.

He set up Andres Romero's second-half goal, which put the Impact up 4-0 and added his second of the game in the 90th minute.

Andrew Wenger scored Montreal's sixth goal in added time.

Toronto's elimination ended its four-year reign as Canadian champions.

Evan Bush got the shutout and Justin Mapp and Paponi scored earlier in the first half for the Impact, who erased the two-goal advantage Toronto claimed with a 2-0 win at home in the first leg one week earlier.

Montreal, which won the inaugural Amway Canadian Championship in 2008, defeated the Reds for the first time in 10 meetings between the teams in the competition.

The Impact will face the winner of the Vancouver-Edmonton series in a two-game final on May 15 and 29.

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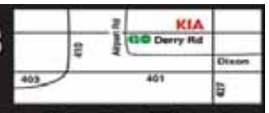

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Bayern finishes off Barca

A fan hugs Franck Ribery after running onto the pitch following Bayern Munich's win over Barcelona in UEFA Champions League play on Wednesday. Munich beat a Barcelona side missing Lionel Messi 3-0 to seal a crushing 7-0 win on aggregate and line up the first all-German Champions League final against Borussia Dortmund.

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HNIC controversy

Cherry won't back down on women in the locker-room

Don Cherry hasn't changed his mind — he still doesn't believe women should be in men's locker-rooms.

The CBC hockey commentator reiterated his opinion Wednesday during his Coach's Corner segment of Hockey Night in Canada.

Cherry defended himself as the first coach in a major sports league to let women in the locker-room, which he did in the 1970s when former New York Times reporter Robin Herman covered the Boston Bruins.

But Cherry said he wouldn't do that if he were coaching today.

"Why have I changed my mind? I'll tell you why I've changed my mind. I have seen things and I have heard of things that go on in the dressing room, when the women are in there, (that) are disgusting," said Cherry.

Cherry's initial comments went viral Saturday after he discussed a controversy surrounding Chicago's Duncan Keith. The Blackhawks' defenceman was criticized last week for delivering what some considered a sexist post-game putdown in Vancouver to radio reporter Karen Thomson of Team 1040.

Keith later apologized for the exchange, but Cherry said Thomson should never have been in the locker-room to begin with. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celtics extend season with win over Knicks

NBA playoffs. Garnett & co. make it 3-for-3 for Boston teams on Wednesday night

New York Knicks guard J.R. Smith, right, is fouled by Kevin Garnett of the Boston Celtics during Game 5 of their Eastern Conference playoff series on Wednesday in New York City. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

Back in the series, now back to Boston.

The Celtics, winners of the most NBA championships, are two victories from making more history.

Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 18 rebounds and the Celtics stayed alive in the NBA playoffs, cutting the New York Knicks' lead to 3-2 with a 92-86 victory Wednesday night.

The Celtics will host Game 6 on Friday night, needing two victories to become the first NBA team to overcome a 3-0 deficit to win a series.

"We just wanted to keep it going," Brandon Bass said.

Bass added 17 points, steadying Boston as it shook off an 11-0 deficit and pulled away in the second half to stop the Knicks again from achieving their first playoff series victory since 2000.

"We didn't panic and that's something we've done, but we didn't," coach Doc Rivers said. "I thought once the game got back to that five, six area, our guys were good again."

J.R. Smith, back from his one-game suspension for elbowing Jason Terry with the Knicks way ahead late in Game 3, missed his first 10 shots and finished 3-for-14 with 14 points.

Terry also scored 17 off the bench.

Jeff Green scored 18 points and Paul Pierce had 16 as he and Garnett, the two franchise stalwarts, extended this season — and perhaps their Celtics careers — at least one more game.

Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points but was just 8-for-24 in another dismal shooting night for the Knicks, who blew a big lead in this game and now the series. They face an unwanted trip back to Boston instead of the rest this aging roster could surely use before the second round.

If they get there.

"I think we're fine," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said. "Sure we would've loved to close it out and move on, but nobody said it would be easy."

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Pacers throw down on Hawks

Paul George of the Indiana Pacers takes to the air for a dunk against Atlanta Hawks forward Josh Smith during Game 5 of their first-round NBA playoff series on Wednesday in Indianapolis. The Pacers won 106-83 to take a 3-2 series lead. DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Owner threatens to move Cubs

The owner of the Chicago Cubs publicly threatened for the first time Wednesday to move the team out of Wrigley Field if his plans for a new video screen are blocked, saying he needs millions of dollars in ad revenue to help bankroll the renovation of the storied ballpark.

"The fact is that if we don't have the ability to generate revenue in our own outfield, we'll have to take a look at moving — no question," Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts told reporters after a speech to Chicago business leaders outlining plans for a $500-million US renovation of the 99-year-old stadium.

The thorniest issue is the plan for a 6,000-square-foot video screen over left field, like those in most ballparks. The difference in Chicago is that the stadium — the second-oldest in baseball — is surrounded by privately owned clubs that have built rooftop bleachers and object to any changes to the park that could block their bird's-eye views.

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NBA. Lillard blazes way to unanimous Rookie of the Year selection

Damian Lillard of the Portland Trail Blazers was named the NBA's Rookie of the Year on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES FILE

It's unanimous: Damian Lillard is the NBA's Rookie of the Year.

No, it never was in question.

Lillard, the sixth overall pick in last June's draft out of Weber State, led all rookies with a 19-point scoring average. He also averaged 6.1 assists and 3.1 rebounds, playing in all 82 games this season.

Lillard broke Stephen Curry's rookie record for 3-pointers in a season, finishing with 185. He is the fourth player in league history to win the Eddie Gottlieb Trophy unanimously, joining Blake Griffin in 2011, David Robinson in 1990 and Ralph Sampson in 1984.

"I think the best thing for me is to take it all in," he said. "Then tomorrow I've got to let it go. I've got my whole career in front of me."

Lillard pretty much was a lock for the award after he swept all six Rookie of the Month awards this season. He is the eighth player to win in every month of the season since the award was created in 1981-82.

"I kind of figured I was ahead," Lillard said about the race for the honour. "But I didn't think I had it locked up."

When he let Weber State know he was going pro, Lillard announced his goal was to win Rookie of the Year.

"I came out and I proved it up," the six-foot-three guard said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(BEST-OF-7 SERIES — All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)
(Miami wins 4-0)

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)
(New York leads 3-2)
Wednesday's result
Boston 92 New York 86

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)
(Series tied 2-2)
Wednesday's result
Atlanta at Indiana
Friday's game
Indiana at Atlanta, TBD

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)
(Chicago leads 3-2)
Thursday's game
Brooklyn at Chicago, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V HOUSTON (8)
(Oklahoma City leads 3-1)
Wednesday's result
Houston at Oklahoma City

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)
(San Antonio wins 4-0)

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)
(Golden State leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Denver 107 Golden State 100
Thursday's game
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, May. 4
x-Golden State at Denver, TBD

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)
(Memphis leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Memphis 103 L.A. Clippers 93
Friday's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBD
Sunday's game
x-Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBD
x — if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(BEST-OF-7 SERIES — All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Friday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
Thursday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
Thursday's game
NY Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
NY Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Boston 4 Toronto 1
Saturday's game
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 2 Minnesota 1 (OT)
Friday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Anaheim leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Anaheim 3 Detroit 1
Thursday's game
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
Wednesday's result
San Jose at Vancouver
Friday's game
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(St. Louis leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
St. Louis 2 Los Angeles 1 (OT)
Thursday's game
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	8	.704	—
New York	17	10	.630	2
Baltimore	16	11	.593	3
Tampa Bay	12	14	.462	6½
Toronto	**10**	**18**	**.357**	**9½**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	14	10	.583	—
Detroit	15	11	.577	—
Minnesota	12	12	.500	2
Cleveland	12	13	.480	2½
Chicago	10	15	.400	4½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	9	.654	—
Oakland	16	13	.552	2½
Seattle	12	17	.414	6½
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	7½
Houston	8	20	.286	10

Wednesday's results
Boston 10 **Toronto 1**
Minnesota 6 Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 5 Houston 4
Cleveland 6 Philadelphia 0
Chicago White Sox at Texas
Tampa Bay at Kansas City
Baltimore at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Toronto 9 Boston 7
Baltimore 7 Seattle 2
Texas 10 Chicago White Sox 6
Oakland 10 L.A. Angels 6
Kansas City 8 Tampa Bay 2
Cleveland 14 Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Yankees 7 Houston 4
Detroit 6 Minnesota 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
N.Y. Mets 7 Miami 6
Pittsburgh 6 Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 4 Cincinnati 2
Washington 2 Atlanta 0
San Diego at Chicago Cubs
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's planetary picture urges you to enjoy the social side of life. You may have a long journey ahead of you but that does not mean you cannot pause to smell the flowers along the way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why so uptight? Is it because you think a secret is being kept from you? It does not matter what the rest of the world is doing. It matters only what you are going to do next.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You seem to be much in favour with loved ones and friends at the moment, which is good. But don't let their kind words and attention distract you from your most important tasks. There's work to be done.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Try to relax and take setbacks in your stride. There will always be things that don't work out the way you want them to — you'll never change that. What you can change is your own attitude. Be confident.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone you don't always get along with seems remarkably friendly at the moment. Is this a genuine change of heart or is it a trap? They just want to draw a line on the past.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Is someone at work causing you grief? If so it may be a situation of your own making. Try not to be quite so competitive today. Co-operation is the key to success.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You seem to think that you alone know how to resolve a tricky situation. Maybe you do but it will still pay you to get other people involved, and that means listening to all opinions.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Now that Mercury has moved into your opposite sign, you should find it easier to reach out to people you know and those you will need to know to further your ambitions.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It is always easy to see the worst in people but today you should look for the best in them. It's there, if you open your eyes wide enough to see. Look in the mirror and greet your own good side too.

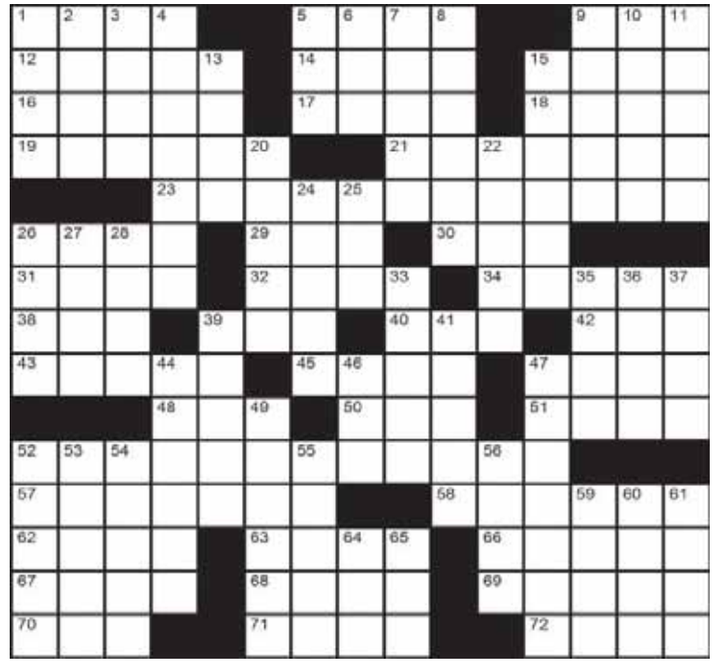
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If someone asks what you think of something they have done today, tell them you think it's fantastic, even if you don't. They could do with a confidence boost and you're just the one to give it to them.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The trick you need to master now is making others believe you are not as smart as you are. If rivals underestimate what you can do, you may catch them off guard and beat them to the prize.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Modesty comes naturally to you and that's good because someone will go out of their way to talk you up. It's nice to be flattered, of course, but what is their motive? SALLY ROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

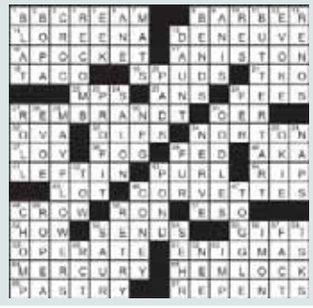
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Catherine __ (Henry VIII's sixth/last wife)
5. Mr. Bunny
9. Some computers and printers, e.g.
12. "The Love Boat" bartender
14. Swedish furniture store
15. Hair: __ Plus 2 in 1
16. Flagstones-created retreat
17. Horse gait
18. Pinocchio, sometimes
19. Witch's works
21. "Umbrella" singer
23. #99: 2 wds.
26. Plant-growing pet
29. Thor Heyerdahl's raft, __-Tiki
30. Pastureland parent
31. TV classic, "I Love __"
32. The 'E' in QED
34. Archie Bunker's wife
38. Gone†by
39. Message regarding health or safety, e.g.
40. 'Dull' suffix
42. Thought something was groovy
43. High IQ society
45. Price __
47. Tapestry thread
48. Phone's 8 letters
50. Part, puny-ly
51. Chows down
52. Eastern mountains stretching The States to Quebec/Maritimes
57. __ Falls, Ontario
58. Second Cup servings
62. Great dancer Mr. Kelly
63. Exist
66. Single-named songstress
67. Decorated, as cupcakes
68. 'Persist' suffix
69. Mr. Savard, Hockey Hall of Famer
70. Snake-like splasher
71. Region [abbr.]
72. Think, archaically

Down
1. Singers for Gladys
2. Hurried office memo letters
3. Appraise
4. Canadian National __
5. Fragment
6. Kiev's li'l land
7. Christopher Plummer film role, Captain __ von Trapp
8. Form of comedy
9. Ketchup brand
10. Buffoonery
11. '80s rockabilly hit: "__ Cat Strut"
13. Coca-__
15. Gold-__
20. Comic actress Wanda
22. Shaped with an axe
24. Ms. Jones of song
25. 'Phenom' add-on
26. Beach sighting
27. Massive
28. PC picture
33. "Star Trek" star George
35. Light bulb meaning!
36. __ of hair
37. Tiny tallnesses
39. Ms. Abdul
41. Sceptre-holder's characteristic
44. Put on, as plays
46. Suffix with 'Ghoul'
47. Canadian airline
49. Scoundrel of yore
52. Rolling Stones ballad
53. Period __ (Historic flick)
54. __ of experts (TV debate show guests)
55. British actor Michael
56. Captures
59. Unit of pressure
60. Cogito __ sum (I think therefore I am)
61. Distort
64. Pre-DVD machine
65. Always, fancy-style

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3			1		4			8
9	1	6				4	3	5
		5	4		2	8		
8								2
		9	8		5	6		
1	7	4				9	8	3
2			7		8			6

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	1	2	4	9	8	6	7	3
9	8	7	6	3	2	1	4	5
3	6	4	7	1	5	2	8	9
2	4	8	3	5	9	7	6	1
1	3	9	2	6	7	4	5	8
6	7	5	8	4	1	9	3	2
8	5	1	9	7	6	3	2	4
4	9	6	5	2	3	8	1	7
7	2	3	1	8	4	5	9	6

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CITY: **10.4**L/100 KM▼

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